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Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

Approaching Stakes Provide Ample Room For Speculation With Surprises In Offing

WEll—the two great events that everybody has been on the qui vive about ever since the entries closed nearly three months ago, are only a week away. Both the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap and the \$50,000 Widener will be decided one week from tomorrow, on Saturday, March 1.

The field for neither promises what some former ones have. But there are promises of all kinds of surprises—especially at Santa Anita.

The exigencies of training and the "grand prep" have removed from its list of eligibles a heavy percentage of the horses expected to be the contenders. *Kayak 2d, Whichee, Specify, *Hunter's Moon, Heliopolis, Gallahadion, Big Flash, Impound, Heifly, Porter's Mite, Don Mike and Rough Pass, all in the division elected to carry 110 lbs. or more, have passed out of the picture.

As for Challedon, top weight at 130 pounds, he has been doing a movie all by himself which for suspense, from chapter to chapter and day to day, rivals any serial story that ever appeared in the daily papers.

This morning there is absolutely no likelihood of his going to the post.

Tomorrow morning he is certain to start.

A few days ago Mr. Braun is reported as announcing that under no circumstances will he go to the post unless fully fit.

But this afternoon's extra is apt to contain an authentic (?) interview in which the Marylander is reported as saying that there never has been anything the matter with him worth worrying about and he will be in the

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5th Foxhound Trials To Be Run March 22 By Beaufort Hunt

The 5th annual Foxhound Trials of the Beaufort Hunt will take place near Harrisburg, Pa., on Saturday, March 22. Three separate events are slated for the day's activities, covering the morning and afternoon.

The morning will be given over to the pack trials, for packs of five couples to be run separately over a fox scent drag for a distance of approximately two miles. These drags will be laid so as not to furnish straight away runs, but to reproduce as closely as possible the conditions of fox hunting with one or two

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Carolina Chases For Maidens Draw 24 Subscriptions

The Carolina Serial Steeplechases, to be run at Sandhills, (March 15), Aiken, (March 22), and The Carolina Cup (March 29) Hunt Meetings have closed with 24 subscriptions taken out in the names of at least 20 interests. Those steeplechases will be for maidens over brush, at the time of the February 15 closing of subscriptions, and will be at a distance of two miles.

Names of subscribers are Montpelier, R. K. Mellon, Mrs. Esther du Pont Weir, Louis Stoddard, Jr., E. B. Schley, Alvin Untermyer, H. Duane Clark, Ambrose Clark, Mrs. Ambrose Clark, George H. "Pete" Cheston; for Maryland: John K.

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N. S. & H. A. Sanction New Hunt Meeting Dates For 1941

The Hunts Committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, held a meeting last Thursday, February 13, in the offices of the Association in New York. Charles S. Cheston, was re-elected as chairman; Earl S. Potter, vice-chairman and Fred H. Parks, secretary.

Mr. Parks reported that the Hunts Committee would be composed of the following men for the year 1941. For New England: Bayard Tuckerman Jr.; for New York: F. S. Von Stade; for New Jersey: Anderson Fowler, M. F. H.; for Pennsylvania: E. M. Cheston; for Maryland: John K.

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Round Hill Club Holds Contest For Juniors

Schools Compete In Annual Event Under Management Of Ted Wahl In Greenwich

BY SHEILA McCREERY

The Round Hill Club Stables, in Greenwich, Conn., under the excellent management of Ted Wahl, recently appointed president of the "Professional Horsemen's Association", was the setting for the 16th annual Mid-Winter Junior Riding Competition on Saturday, February 15. This is one of the few shows in which the girls and boys compete in the spirit of their school alone and not individually, because, in the end it is the school winning the most number of points that win the coveted trophy.

One of the most impressive sights during the afternoon was the hunt team class for "The Margarita Noble Trophy." Eight teams competed in this class, preceeded around the ring by the Fairfield and Westchester Junior Drag Hounds, with whom they hunt every week during the season.

All the teams were beautifully turned out and we were very glad to see one team from "The Greenwich Country Day School for Boys," as this is the first time in many years that they have shown so keen an interest in riding and participating in school shows. The winners in this class were Peggy Klipstein, Kathleen Jennings, and Pixie Meek, with a well earned second going to Ormsby Hanes, Maggy Ohrstrom and Janet Rinke, all from Rosemary Hall's Junior School.

Another highlight of the afternoon was the pair class for "The

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Virginia Breeders Formulate Plans For Association

Thoroughbred Owners Meet At Red Fox Tavern In Middleburg To Elect Officers

Preliminary steps towards organizing a Virginia Horse Breeders' Association were taken here in Middleburg last Saturday, February 15, when over 200 horsemen gathered at the Red Fox Tavern at a meeting called by David N. Rust, Jr., of Leesburg. The response to Mr. Rust's request for at least \$3,500 to support the organization through its first year was so enthusiastic that over \$2,300 was pledged from those in attendance.

The election of officers to head the association was carried out with Courtland H. Smith serving as chairman of the meeting. Kenneth N. Gilpin, who was absent from the meeting, was elected President, while Mr. Rust was chosen Vice-President. Henry Frost, Jr., Secretary and Colin MacLeod, Jr., Treasurer. These gentlemen, it is reported, will serve for a period of one year.

A committee of five was appointed by the chairman to draw up the by-laws and name a board of directors, selected from various sections of the state, these to be presented before a meeting to take place on March 1 in the same room in the Red Fox Tavern. This committee will also select a name for the organization, to be approved at the next meeting. Serving on the committee are A. Mackay Smith and A. A. Baldwin of Clarke County, Lt. Col. Pleas B. Rogers, of the Front Royal Remount Depot and William Worth, of the Eastern Breeder and Mr. Thompson.

Speakers at the meeting were Humphrey S. Finney, Field Secretary of the Maryland Horse Breeders'

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Horsemen Enter Schooling Show In Camden

J. North Fletcher's Troop Outstanding Performer In Hunter Events February 15th

As a warm up for the Southern Pines Horse Show, that is held Friday, February 21, and the Virginians' Horse Show, to be held in Camden, S. C., March 1, the Camden Schooling Show was held last Saturday, February 15, in the ring on J. North Fletcher's stable lot. Considerable interest was shown in this early event with a number of new youngsters getting their first experience.

J. North Fletcher's Troop, in winning the thoroughbred and the middle and heavyweight hunters was outstanding among the old horses. Miss Nancy Haas of Bedford Hills, N. Y., had a sweet moving juvenile, winner of both under saddle events. Ever So won the first blue in the first class in the Carolinas for the 1941 season when returning the winner in the opening event, hunters under saddle, besting Miss Wilhelmine Kirby's Irish Piper, also of Bedford Hills. Miss Jane Blyth of Cleveland, Ohio, came down with her Shapell to take third in this. Miss Haas'

Ever So went on to win the three and four-year-olds under saddle as well, having first beaten older horses. In this Ever So bested two good young ones from Mr. Fletcher's barn, Mast High and Brown Flag, when conformation and promise counted 50% and performance 50%.

Roy, owned by L. H. Bramlett of Camden, took the open to all jumping at 3'6", while Mrs. Sidney Gilbert of Portchester, N. Y., had Glen Dhu take 3rd and then come back to win the touch and out, besting Roy

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At a meeting of the Middleburg and Neighboring Hunts Point-to-Point Committee last week, it was decided that one race would be run for the Middleburg Bowl, open to both men and women in one race. Previous to this the Middleburg Bowl, originally put up for the Hunter Trial champion each spring, has been awarded to the best conformation horse to win either the light-weight, middleweight or heavyweight point-to-point races. Last year it was won by Miss Laura Sprague's Portnos, a son of The Porter, bred by the late Admiral Cary Grayson. The Middleburg Bowl Point-to-

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The Horseman's News

Remembering Shows Heels At Hialeah

Two-Year-Old Son Of Identify Defeats Field Of 14 In Second Identify Victory Of '41

Another **Identify** 2-year-old displayed a flash of speed at Hialeah recently. This time it was Cannaday

MIDDLEBURG BOWL POINT-TO-POINT RACE

Middleburg and Neighboring Hunts Meeting

Saturday, March 29

C. H. Crouch and H. M. Crouch
"Cherry Hill Farm", Aldie, Va.

Post Time: 2 P. M.

For Ladies and Gentlemen, about 5 miles, about turning flags. Plates to winner, first lady to finish, first 200 pound rider.

Entries Close Saturday, March 22
Also Pair Race, Lady and Gentleman Teams.

For further particulars, apply
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Middleburg, Va.

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The \$1,000 Hunt Panelling Fund Benefit Purse will be subscribed to by Recognized Hunts and members and subscribers of Recognized Hunts. Each \$10 subscription from a Recognized Hunt will also entitle the Hunt to start a horse. Additional entries may be made from any one Hunt through payment of \$10 per entry, by either the Hunt or members or subscribers.

Entries Close Friday, March 28th

For further particulars on Race, Course and Entry Blanks, apply
MIDDLEBURG HUNT RACE ASS'N.
Middleburg, Va.

48th RUNNING OF THE

Maryland Hunt Cup Saturday, April 26, 1941

The Forty-Eighth Annual Race for the Maryland Hunt Cup and the First Race for the Challenge Cup presented in memory of the late Redmond C. Stewart, will be run on Saturday, April 26, 1941 at 4 P. M. under sanction of the Hunts Committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association; Weights: 4-year-olds 150 pounds; 5-year-olds 160 pounds; 6-year-olds and upward, 165 pounds; 4-year-olds which have never won a race over timber allowed 5 pounds; 5-year-olds and upward which have never won a race over timber 10 pounds; no sex or half-bred allowance; no allowance for riders and no other allowance. Owners accep-

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 12 O'CLOCK, MIDNIGHT,

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1941

Entrance Fee \$10
COMMITTEE

Charles B. Reeves
W. Wallace Lanahan
Stuart S. Janney, Jr.
S. Bryce Wing
Frank A. Bonsal, Jr.

Secretary's Office: MARYLAND TRUST BUILDING, Baltimore, Md.

table to the Committee. Amateur riders holding certificates from the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association or those eligible for the same. Start and finish on the estate of Mr. J. W. Y. Martin, Worthington Valley. Same Course as in recent years. Distance four miles.

Conditions for the new Challenge Cup to be the same as for the old Challenge Cup. It will be held by the owner of the winning horse each year, and become the permanent possession of the owner winning the Maryland Hunt Cup three times, not necessarily with the same horse nor by successive wins.

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Entrance Fee \$10
COMMITTEE

John K. Shaw, Jr.
Redmond C. Stewart, Jr.
J. W. Y. Martin
J. Rieman McIntosh
James McHenry, Secy.

Noon), SA., Feb. 12, 1 mi., allow., \$1.800

CRACK BRIGADE (Md.)

Mary Schulz, 6 b. m. (Mary On, by Sweep On), HIP., Feb. 18, 7 f., cl., \$850

125 1-5

*GINO (Va.)

Savitar, 5 gr. g. (Sun Thor, by *Sun Briar), HIP., Feb. 14, 1 1/4 mi., cl., \$850

206 2-5

Baggrave, 4 ch. g. (Sun Edah, by *Sun Briar), HIP., Feb. 17, 1 1/8 mi., cl., \$850

153 2-5

*QUATRE BRAS II (Md.)

Quaroma, 4 br. g. (Aroma, by Santry), HIP., Feb. 12, 1 1/8 mi., cl., 151 3-5, \$850

*TEDDY (Va.)

Enthrall, 4 ch. g. (Sweetheart, by Ultimus), SA., Feb. 15, 6 f., Grade C 'Cap., \$1,000

112 4-5

\$1,000

JACI HIGH (N. J.)

Albino, 7 ch. g. (Leaves, by Fair Play), SA., Feb. 12, 1 1/4 mi., cl., 209 2-5 \$1,000

KAI FENG (S. C.)

Sir Gibson, 4 b. c. (Lady Gibson, by Marvex), HIP., Feb. 13, 7 f., M. Sp. W., \$850

124 3-5

ON WATCH (Va.)

Little Banner, 7 b. m. (Bannerette, by Pennant), SA., Feb. 15, 1 1/4 mi., cl., \$850

209 2-5

PEANUTS (N. Y.)

Holophane, 4 b. c. (Beam, by High Time), Ha., Feb. 18, 5 1/2 f., mdns. cl., \$850

109

Toby Tyler, 8 ch. g. (Inhibition, by Stimulus), Ha., Feb. 16, 1 mi., 60 yds., \$850

146 4-5

PILATE (Va.)

White Hope, 4 br. g. (Donna B., by *Donnacon), HIP., Feb. 18, 1 1/8 mi., \$850

151 3-5

POMPEY (Va.)

Sextus, 6 b. g. (Enticing, by Over There), SA., Feb. 12, 1 1/8 mi., cl., \$850

156 1-5

STEAMER (Md.)

Quaroma, 4 br. g. (Aroma, by Santry), HIP., Feb. 12, 1 1/8 mi., cl., 151 3-5, \$850

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Enthrall, 4 ch. g. (Sweetheart, by Ultimus), SA., Feb. 15, 6 f., Grade C 'Cap., \$1,000

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Hunting Notes:-



MIDDLEBURG HUNT

Middleburg,
Loudoun County,
Virginia.
Established 1906.
Recognized 1908.



Monday, February 17

Middleburg Hounds were out, meeting at "Glenwood Park Course", breaking a long spell of idleness, the first release in two weeks.

Hounds first drew for about 3-4's of an hour, then struck three foxes, bringing one up Goose Creek, to Newell J. Ward Jr's place "Newmary Farm", then swinging back through Dillon. Mr. Sands felt that Huntsman Bob Maddox looked so badly, (he is still recovering from a severe case of the flu), so he told him: "Pull up, whip-them off, and go in."

It was impossible to whip hounds off, and after about an hour, Whipper-in Nichols succeeded in getting the remaining 23 hounds in when they came to his calls over on the Berryman place near Crompton Smith's "Featherbed Farm", where they were still running.

Whipper-in Nichols got in about 4 o'clock, but followers only had about two hours, as the meet was at noon. It was terribly windy, seemingly a prelude to the blowy days of March to come.

Mrs. Amory Perkins and Mrs. Oliver Iselin, who have been away from Middleburg for sometime, were out.

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ROSE TREE FOX HUNTING CLUB

Media,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1859.
Recognized 1904.



A week of good hunting for Rose Tree, hounds meeting five days by way of tribute to M. F. H. James Kerr (Mr. Kerr leaves for camp with the City Troop on the 17th) and both weather and foxes cooperating in a fitting God speed. That is after Monday!

Monday, a clear, cold, but windless day, the sun softening the sharpness of nipping air and frozen ground, hounds met at the club at eleven o'clock. The weather may have rejoiced our souls, but foxes were not so obliging. Only a venturesome grey led for a while on a circle through the Sycamore Mill Barrens. That night the thermometer rose. For the rest of the week we reveled in sunshine, melting snow and softening earth. It was a positive joy to splash about in good, wet ground after two weeks of snow or of earth so hard it had the elasticity of concrete.

Tuesday, Albert Crossan now taking over as huntsman and John Tracy as whipper-in, hounds met at Mr. Stull's gate at one-thirty. A good, but not distinguished afternoon. Hounds uncovered three foxes. The

til our fox, his brush doubtless heavy from the wet going, decided to call it a day. So did Mr. Kerr and the field. Mr. Blakeley had invited the field back to the club for clams and oysters. Food can impel even fox hunters to its own particular line!

Thursday the ground was oozier and mushier than ever, heavy but safe enough footing, Louis and I decided, for the younger generation. We sallied forth, therefore, on Ashe and Missy, the coming-four King Arthur colt and Roigrey filly. They couldn't be sweeter but they adore "putting on", and their excitement enroute over a flock of white Plymouth Rocks might have been amusing to an onlooker, but not to Louis and me. "I ain't seekin' no argymints with colts on hard road," stated Louis catching breath between Missy's turnings and twistings and buckings. The babies looked at each other and shook their heads. "Chickens! White!" They threw up their hands as 'twere (and their heels!) and started for home. Such carryings on! But by the time we passed the chickens and reached the club they had settled to good behavior except for a frank curiosity about everything in this brave new world. At one-thirty when we followed hounds from the kennels into the Lewis-Hart woods they had achieved the poise of sophisticated debutants. "They's doin' all us asks," said Louis. They took their fences—not many fortunately!—and went on with courage. Moreover, they watched hounds with absorption—an eye out for hound work!—and pricked their ears at every note of music. Hounds turned up in Black Oak Farm and were soon going away in a wide circle through the woods into Box Tree Farm and into the Providence-Gradyville Road pines. On a second circle, hounds changed foxes in the pines. As the first fox followed his original line back through Box Tree Farm into Black Oak woods hill—topping with the colts by then, we viewed him, a big, beautiful red, hounds picked up the line of a second fox. This second fox led in good swift fashion to the Rawle Farm and back through Chestnut Sprouts, Hunting Hill, Mr. Jefford's home place, and Harvey Yarnall's towards Sycamore Mills. But scented

grew thinner and thinner as if wearing out. Scent, with the fox well ahead and the ground so wet, evidently did not hold, and the line became cold.

Saturday hounds met at Gradyville at eleven o'clock. A sharpish wind blew in from the north. Poor sport today, predicted some wiseacres. Nonsense, said others. A shadowy day, wet, soggy ground, and rising barometer, why, it's just the combination for a run! And a run, the real thing, was, of course, the only fitting "Ave" for Mr. Kerr! But when the fox, uncovered in Pickering, promptly circled to earth and there was never a strike from Hunting Hill and Mr. Piersol's pines, we began to look sadly at each other. And then—as if to cry shame to a defeatist spirit!—in the first field beyond Chestnut Sprouts hounds chorused into a fine frenzy of music. Instantly fox, hounds, horses all were going—going aw-a-ay in splendid soul-stirring rhythm to Land's End—such going there across the creek! My June Bug nearly went down—and back on a wide loop through Chestnut Sprouts and Hunting Hill and Gradyville pines and the Poultry Farm. In the Poultry Farm pines, hounds and fox played ring around a-rosy long enough for us to catch breath. We viewed the fox as he ran into the pines. I prayed for him as I thought he looked tired. Evidently I can't judge foxes, for in a few moments he was leading hounds straight and fast and true through the Poultry Farm into Pickering and back again through Land's End (as calamitous a spot as if it were named Journey's End!) From Land's End he turned and led straight to Gradyville Road and on through Box Tree Farm into Mr. Seller's woods. Once the field was galloping on in one field parallel to hounds running in the next. I never saw hounds look more beautiful as a pack. Evenly, swiftly, like a lovely flowing stream, they swept across the field and down the hill into the woods. Down high hill paths we galloped in pursuit, horses' hooves sinking into the heavy going of mud and leaves. Then out into the open field. "They are crossing the creek!" "This way then", and down the road towards the

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Sun Meadow

SUN MEADOW
B. 1928

*Sun Briar
Red Clover

Sundridge
Sweet Briar II
Disguise
Blue Grass

25 FOALS—20 WINNERS

SUN MEADOW has six 2-year-old winners this year out of nine foals. They are Misty Meadow (2), Meadow Dew (3), Sun Triad (2), Sun Scene, Sparrow Chirp and Sun Thrush. His previous winners include Ballot, Culdee, Emma Bly, Irish Mirth, Meadow Morn, Rocky Meadow, Royal Business, Schley Nurse, Spring Meadow, Sunneen, Sun Girl, Suntime and Uncle Walter.

SUN MEADOW himself won 10 races and \$37,551 including the Sanford Stakes, Grab Bag, Campfire, Ballot, Mt. Washington, Pimlico Spring and Jennings Handicap. He was also second to Twenty Grand in the Lawrence Realization and Belmont (beating Jamestown); second to Equipoise in the Dixie Handicap and second to Gallant Knight in the Metropolitan Handicap.

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Virginia.
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Recognized 1904.



Monday, February 10th

A small field left Mr. E. D. Taylor's "Edgehill" at 10 and we moved up to the back field at the foot of the mountain before hounds found. They worked well in the shelter of the woods, but when in the open, a rising wind carried the line to a great disadvantage. Therefore, clever Reynard preferred the fields. We made two almost identical loops circling the back of "Edgehill" into "Underhill", back through "Edgehill", and touching "Springdale". The fox, a red, was viewed once and immediately made his way off through a herd of cattle. Hounds were pretty far in back of him and after unraveling the line, became at fault in a plowed field.

Wednesday February 12th

It was in 1895 that the Cavalry School Hunt of today was organized by Lieutenant H. T. Allen (now a Major General, retired), at that time being known as the "Riley Hounds". This was the first hunt to be established in the Army and has endured with almost no break in its continuity since that time.

Officially founded in 1921, the Cavalry School Hunt is now recognized as a member club of the Master of Foxhounds Assn. of America.

For many years the pack of the Cavalry School Hunt has been acknowledged an admirable one. There are 20 couples of hounds. The pack is divided into a very fast and a slower pack. The fast pack is usually limited to one day with four checks. The runs are longer and faster than on Wednesdays. This pack is one of the fastest in the west, the idea being that Cavalry officers should be able to cover country at top speed.

The background of the present pack is rather unique. In 1922 Maj. General H. T. Allen, who at that time was in command of the American forces in Germany, presented the American Army's Coblenz pack of French stag hounds to the hunt. The crossing of these hounds with the American hounds produced a serviceable and predominant breed. A definite and unusual type of half-bred hound has resulted from the meticulous breeding policy employed.

Coyotes are substituted for foxes as live quarry, this region apparently not being suited to the fox. The coyote, however, is becoming scarce owing to the firing which goes on almost continuously in the confines of the reservation, our hunting territory.

Fort Riley's reservation provides an ideal country for hunting. The approximate 20,000 acres included in the reservation offer fine prairies of rolling turf, interspersed with woods and ravines. There are comparatively few fences, except those surrounding pastures. There are no paved roads and dangerous wire is replaced with panels at necessary points, that all parts of the reservation may be open to hounds and followers.

With this wealth of fine hunting ground it is small wonder that the Cavalry School Hunt had very early beginnings and has continued to this day, developing from a nondescript organization into the excellent hunt it is today.—Jane Wilder.

Drag and coyote hunting is enjoyed from October 15 through April 5, two days a week. Maj. John C. MacDonald is M. F. H. (1940). Maj. John B. Reybold is Honorary Secretary; Honorary Whippers-in include: Maj. Reybold, Maj. E. T. Thomas, Maj. J. H. Stodder; Lt. Col. Ralph Hospital and Maj. J. P. Wiley.

Talcott's road and made his way through the front of "Raynham Hall" to cross Tyler's road less than a quarter of a mile from the highway. It was decidedly warmer and hounds could not seem able to recover the line on the dry road, so we pulled up a little after 1 o'clock.

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WARRENTON HUNT

8th Annual

POINT-TO-POINT RACES

Saturday, March 15, 1941

First Race, For Individuals, about 5 miles. Starting Fee \$5.
Second Race, For teams of two, lady and gentlemen, about 6 miles.

Starting Fee \$5 per team.

For conditions and entry blanks, apply:
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Entries Close Wednesday, March 12

Timber and Show
PROSPECTS

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The 7th

Virginians'
Horse Show

(Member of A. H. S. A. Inc.)

To Be Held At

J. North Fletcher's Stables
Camden, South Carolina

Saturday, March 1
10 A. M.

Entries Close Sat., Feb. 22

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Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

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form of his life by March 1.

"Off again, on again, gone again, Flannigan," but faintly describes the situation; which is not only keeping the public guessing but has the betting contingent on the rack.

The very best selectors think that if Challedon is in form on March 1, he can't lose. But if he shouldn't happen to be—well, now, that's up another street!

Meanwhile Mioland, who threatened to supplant Challedon as the ante-post favorite when the latter was reportedly on the way out, has been beaten by three other horses, landing fourth in a race which he supposed to be foreclosing a mortgage on. But "Howard Luck" still holding, his 3-year-old stable-mate, Porter's Cap, has taken over the \$50,000 Santa Anita Derby so easily that his chances of duplicating Stagehand's famous "double" of three years ago have assumed a rosy hue.

Porter's Cap has but 104 pounds, you know, for the \$100,000 events and in the \$50,000 one he picked up 120 as if it was nothing burdensome; true, he had a furlong less to go—but he was going very strong at the end with nothing near him.

It might be well to recall, likewise, that he is by The Porter, who already has one winner of the world's richest race to his credit—Rosemont in 1937. Lightning has been known to strike twice in the same place.

Of the higher weight, only Sweepida (117) and Can't Wait (118) are regarded as formidable. Woof Woof has some friends; he will carry 110. The feeling is that if both Challedon and Mioland fall by the wayside before reaching the wire, it will be a lightweight that turns the trick, with Gen'l Manager (106) preferred.

At Hialeah last Saturday, the \$10,000 McLennan Memorial, regarded as a Widener preliminary, had such a mammoth field that it had to be split into two divisions.

Results were not enlightening. A "rank outsider", Big Pebble, took over one division, Haltal (another one of those things by The Porter!) the other. For the Widener, Big Pebble got 109 pounds, and in the McLennan carried 107. Haltal drew 108 for the Widener and carried 109 in the McLennan. In both divisions of the latter more fancied candidates for the big race of March 1, did dimly, including Shot Put, Many Strings, Sickle T., Ship Biscuit, Get Off, etc.

As a result Bimelech stock has taken a leap upward. That colt, not started as yet this winter, has been working nicely and at last accounts had romped the McLennan distance, with full weight (126 pounds) up, faster than it was run by either division last Saturday, without turning a hair. As for Hash, 124 pounds, the horse from whom most trouble for Bimelech had been anticipated, he has yet done nothing in his work to encourage the belief that he was going to make serious trouble.

During this present week both Bimelech and Hash are due for airings in minor events at Hialeah. What they show will be eagerly awaited. But right now Bimelech is looked upon by those on the spot, as almost a moral. It is believed that he is better prepared than a year ago, when in his first two starts he showed dazzlingly. That he can hand-

ROUND HILL CLUB

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Kathleen Jennings Trophy" in which 17 pairs were so well matched that the final decision was made only after a great deal of deliberation. The chestnut team, ridden by Peggy Klipstein and Kathleen Jennings won first with Sally Badger, Rosemary Hall Riding Captain, and Molly Richardson second.

Ethel Skakel rode off with top honors in the open class for Girls and Boys between the ages of 12 and 14 years and the 3' 6" jumping class, in which she out rode all the older girls. Vica Schniewind came all the way up from Maryland, where she is studying at Garrison Forest

CAROLINA 'CHASES

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Bostwick, John Hay Whitney, Cecil Tuke, Pietro Crespi, Wilbur B. Ruthrauff and others. Each subscription entitles the subscriber to name one horse who will be eligible to compete in each of the three events. Horses will be named on or before March 3, with subscriptions allowed to be transferred up to this date, with the approval of the race committee, as well.

Subscriptions closed with Fred Parks, National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn., 250 Park Ave., New York. The weights have very wisely been placed at 144 pounds, for 4-year-olds; 152 pounds, for 5-year-olds and 155 pounds, for older horses. Winners over hurdles pick up 3 pounds additional and winners of a maiden race, after closing, pick up 6 pounds for one race and 9 pounds for two or more races.

Richard Wallach, Jr., secretary of the Sandhills Meeting, was responsible for the successful promotion of these Carolina Serial Steeplechases, which already have encouraged at least three new owners in the steeplechasing game.

FOXHOUND TRIALS

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checks. A trophy will be presented by Mr. Fred C. Morgan and a cash prize of \$25.00 will be given to the huntsman of the winning pack, \$10.00 to the huntsman of the pack finishing second.

A hound race will open the afternoon events and will be for 5 couples of hounds from each pack to run at the same time over the same drag, approximately 2½ miles; ribbon and trophy to first hound to finish, ribbon to second hound.

The Hound Show will be held last, if necessary the next day. This show will be open only to hounds entered in the pack trials. There will be a division for American hounds and one for English or Crossbred hounds, each having three classes. These classes will be for best dog, best hound. The latter being for champion and reserve ribbon. Winding up the show will be a pack class, for 5 couples of hounds, any breed, to be shown as a pack on foot. The winning pack will receive a challenge cup presented by E. B. Mitchell, M. F. H.

Entries close Saturday, March 15.

At his weight, he has demonstrated. The main uncertainty seems to be, whether he will stand up to get to and through the race. Thus far he gives every indication of doing so.

School, to win the side saddle class ahead of some 8 or 9 girls, all equally good.

Little "Dickie" Robinson, son of Fairfield and Westchester's M. F. H., seems to be following along in his father's footsteps to become another excellent rider in the family, as he won the class for 9 years of age and under with the Hjorth boys placing 2nd and 3rd respectively.

The consolation class eligible for those who had not won any ribbon during the show was well filled with some 21 riders. It was a hard class to decide and Gerry Shearer was awarded 1st place with Pixie Meek 2nd.

Peggy Klipstein, Riding Captain of Greenwich Academy, carried off the championship class as well as "The McCreery Challenge Trophy", which was awarded, for the first time, to the school winning the most

number of points throughout the show and which has to be won three years in succession for permanent possession.

Mrs. A. B. Court accepted the invitation to judge and was assisted by Joan McCreery and the writer who acted as ring stewardesses.

And it is not an afterthought, by any means, when we say that Ted Wahl is due all the credit and thanks for running the show and mounting all 104 children. It would be hard to find anyone who could do as good a job as he did and has done ever since he's managed the stables.

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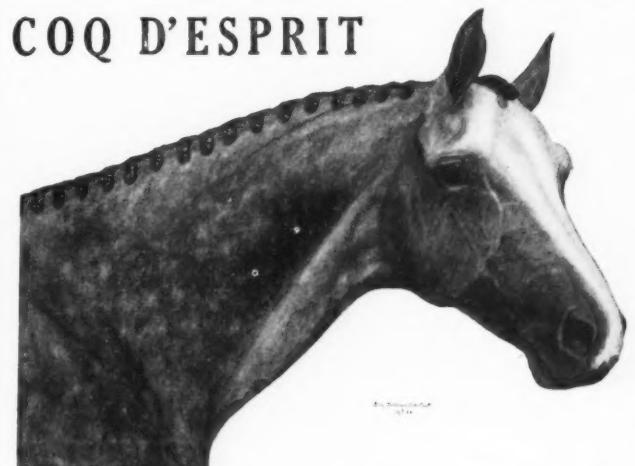
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Notes From Great Britain

1941 Turf Season Promises To Start With Lincoln As Usual With Training Difficult

BY J. FAIRFAX-BLAKEBOROUGH

The present arrangements for the flat racing in 1941, as officially announced by the Jockey Club, are that the season will open on March 24, as usual at Lincoln. I say 'as usual at Lincoln' because the present generation has become accustomed to no other place for the beginning of 'the flat'. As a matter of fact, it is in comparatively recent years only that Lincoln has set the Turf ball a-rolling and, moreover, it was not uncommon for a start to be made in February. For several years Catterick saw the first meeting of each epoch and on at least two occasions the initial meeting of the year was at Malton. For more than half a century, however, it is to Lincoln we annually have turned our eyes for the birth of another Turf year, and now the old city seems to have claimed a sort of prescriptive right. If antiquity—both sporting and otherwise—has anything to do with it, then certainly Lincoln has no small claim to the honour for they had a royal meeting with James 1st present so long ago as 1617. Even this was not the beginning of Lincoln's Turf activities. On 22nd March, 1602, the Earl of Rutland entered in his account book that he spent £39 attending the races on The Heath at the cathedral City. It was not until 1771 that the Carholme was first used as a racecourse, and there the meeting has been ever since.

It is good to know that there is every possibility that as the scribes say, "we will hear the saddling bell at Lincoln" at the end of March.

Training operations have been interfered with in the early weeks of the year, but as a famous trainer said to me the other day, "There's plenty of time yet, and no one wants Lincoln or National horses fit so early. If they get plenty of work on the roads to muscle them up they can soon be got to concert pitch with a few pipe-openers in early March. It's a lot of flabby fat on horses, and fat in their insides that stops those which could win races from scoring. I don't like my horses wound up too long before a big race, and having them at their very best on the day that matters is where a trainer's art comes in. Of course prolonged wintry conditions might upset all plans. This year, owing to coastal defence, there can be no sending horses to the sea-side to do work when galloping at home is out of the question owing to snow and frost."

This brings me to a query I have had put to me regarding a famous E. Yorks bookmaker named Stephenson, who made a big fortune by laying long odds on horses months before they were due to run. In those days information travelled slowly, there was no sporting Press, and often bookies had private information which enabled them to lay 'dead meat'. Stephenson, who began life as a helper in Sir Clifford Constable's stables at Burton Constable, (where the baronet started a now long defunct race meeting), commenced by making a small book on future events, and ultimately (as 'Van Driver', wrote when the East

Yorks pencil came by his own hand to such an untimely end in 1869) 'rose to be the leader of the English ring.' Of the ex-groom the writer mentioned tells us he was sought after by Dukes and Marquises, and he made or marred favorites by his pencil in a minute.

"You have such a February face, so full of frost, of storms and cloudiness," wrote Shakespeare. Here we are in February to experience all this. February month of mud and slush and travelling foxes; month when we normally hear much talk of point-to-points and point-to-pointers! There will again be no Hunt races this year and, what is more, there will be few to urge M. F. H.'s to continue hunting when March has sped its way. The few who ARE turning out are almost entirely composed of enthusiasts who know Spring wheat when they see it, and who also know how increasingly important it is both from a National point of view and for the future well-being of hunting, to do nothing that will either cause damage to crops or rub farmers the wrong way. I recall one case of a farmer who declined to accept compensation for what looked a hopeless quagmire. "Wait until harvest comes, and we'll see then how much damage has been done", he said. When harvest DID come the crop was the best he had ever had! Unfortunately, there are not many of that type of farmer left today and it becomes more and more necessary to see to it that agriculturists have no cause for complaint when hounds cross over their land. It was all so different when the M. F. H. was invariably a big local estate owner and when his followers were mainly ladies and gentlemen who were well-known, who had a stake in the country, and understood rural folk and rural conditions. Lambing-ewes, growing crops, no men to mend fences, and so on, are now urged by many farmers as reasons why hunting seasons should finish earlier than they used to do. Even in recent days of peace and plenty one could count on the fingers of one and the number of packs who continued operations until they had killed a May fox. I have hunted into May but I don't suppose anyone will ever do so again unless it be on foot after a reputed lamb-worrier amid the fastness of the Cambrian or Welsh hills.

Why harp so much on the hunting note, I hear someone say. I do but dwell on the great national winter sport because it is so integral and important a part of life in rural Britain, and because its happy continuance means more than most folk imagine. February will see in some countries the ringing down of the curtain on a season which, when the sporting history of these troubled times comes to be written, will be held up as one of the many examples of the fortitude of the nation.

There have been many drastic changes in modes and manners during the past century or so and each has been made the occasion of rather pessimistic forebodings regarding the future of foxhunting and country life in general. The dawn of railways, the invention of barbed wire, the breaking up of estates owing to taxation and death duties, the effects of the 1914 war, and now the 1939—? war. All these have been severely heralded far more as the death warrant of the chase than the attempts by 'antis' to secure Parliamentary suppression. The ancient sports of venery have, however, surmounted all the difficulties as

they have come, but now they have to face the biggest fence of all. Money shortage will be the greatest impediment to the revival of fox-hunting when hostilities cease. Scores of the most generous subscribers to Hunts will never again ride to hounds; others will be bled white, with the result that there will have to be complete revision of Hunt expenditure, of staffs, strength of packs and Hunt studs, and other calls upon finance. The small packs, those hunting hill countries—will be least affected, for they never have had either the exchequer, or the calls upon it which come to the 'fashionable' hunting establishments. I have often said it, and I say it again, that such packs as the Bilsdale, Farndale, Goathland, Melbrake, N. Tyne, and Blencathra, show wonderful sport although their total upkeep is less than is spent on bootpolish and eyewash in many

hunting countries. Parade and pageant was all very well when money was plentiful, but much of all these externals will now have to go. Nevertheless, hunting will again surmount the post war difficulties which will face it and what we have to do is to meet the future resolutely rather than mourn the days of the past. As Glenda Spooner wrote the other day:

Those were the days—THEY will never come back;

But don't let the mildew get with your 'tack',

For after the bombing, the blasting, and blood,

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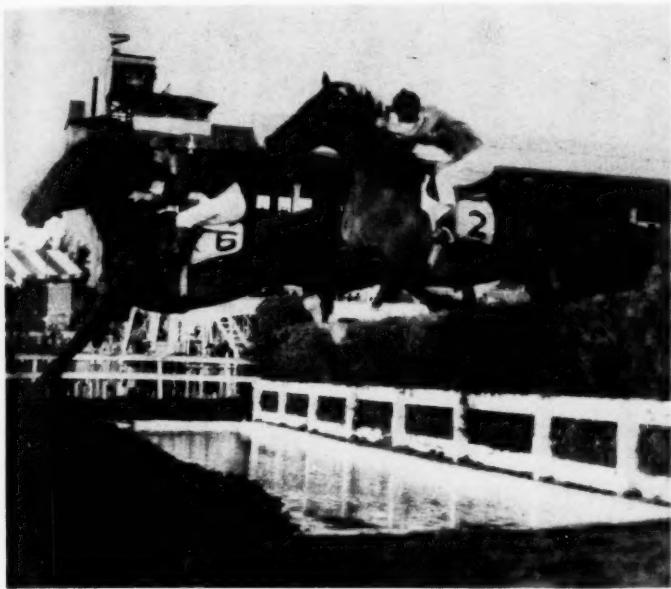
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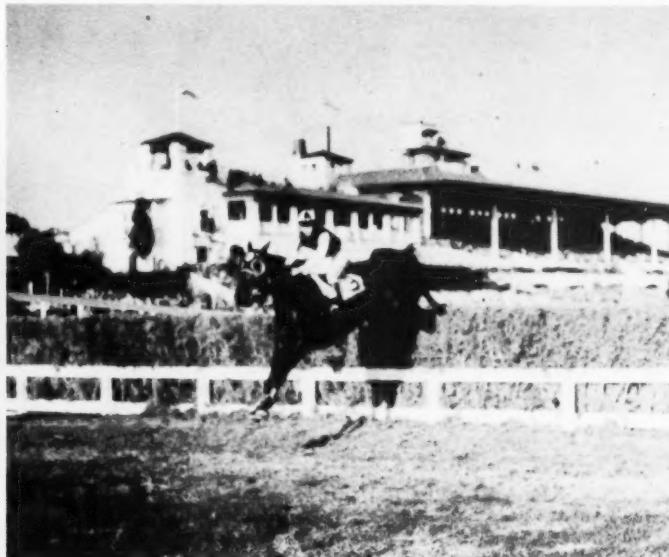
OVER THE WATER IN CALIENTE'S MIDDLEBURG



George Redsell's GLAZENWOOD, #6, and Mrs. Nina Brennan's NAPOLEON, #2, were in close contention at the water jump in the Middleburg Steeplechase at Agua Caliente on February 9. NAPOLEON, however, made most of the pace to his own liking and won eased up, while R. H. Crawford's mare PLAYDEMA was 2nd and GLAZENWOOD took the show.

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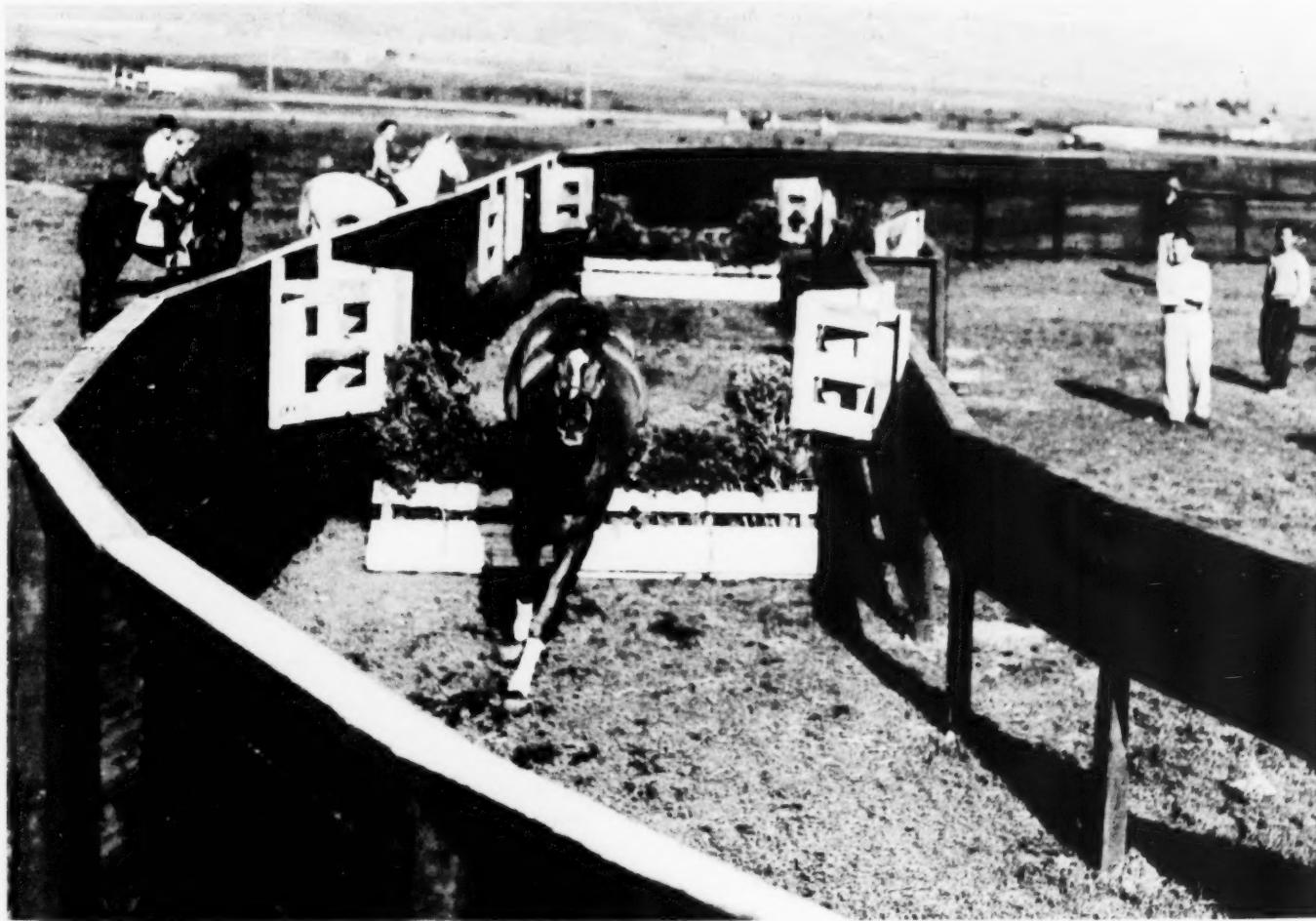
MAKING CALIENTE RECORD 'CHASING HISTORY'



The Canadian 'chaser FAVOROME, owned and trained by F. H. Hammond, of Vancouver, B. C. has shown himself to be one of those most likely to succeed in the coming Gran Nacional Handicap, at Agua Caliente, March 2. The 7-year-old son of SOMERS HEIR--FAVORITE is shown above as he won the Good and Plenty Handicap, February 2, setting a new track record of 3:59-2/5 for the about 2 miles.

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THEY MAKE THEM AND RACE THEM IN AGUA CALIENTE, MEXICO



Everything possible is being done for the steeplechase-owner at Agua Caliente. The Baja California Jockey Club has even built up special chutes and corrals for the use of those who wish to make jumpers. Above is pictured a view of owner-trainer R. P. Munro's SUNNY MONDAY getting a school. There is also a flight of small fences for the green horses, and many other schooling facilities have been set up by Andy Ferguson, who is in official charge of steeplechasing there. "All you have to do is to suggest that you are interested in making a jumper out of a flat horse", it has been written to The Chronicle, "and they are practically out there helping you the next day".

----Photo Courtesy Baja California Jockey Club



SPEAKERS AT BREEDERS MEETING

At a meeting of Virginia horse breeders who gathered in Middleburg's Red Fox Tavern on February 15 to discuss forming an organization for the benefit of horse interests in the state, speakers were Col. John F. Wall, well known authority and author of valuable texts on thoroughbred bloodlines, J. A. Estes, Editor of the Blood Horse and Humphrey S. Finney, Field Secretary of the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association, Editor of the Maryland Horse.



LARGE GATHERING ENCOURAGING

The large attendance at the Virginia Horse Breeders meeting in Middleburg last Saturday was most encouraging and pointed to a promising future for their association shortly to be formed. Seated in the front row, as they listened to Humphrey Finney, who stressed the importance of including all breeds of horses in the organization, may be seen Col. John F. Wall, who also spoke, former Governor Westmoreland Davis, James B. Skinner and H. Rozier Dulany, Jr.

HUNTING WITH THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY HOUNDS



The Fairfield County Hounds of Westport, Conn. are pictured with Mrs. Alfred G. Allen, wife of the joint-master, Mr. Allen, at extreme right, acting as an honorary- whipper-in. Mr. Allen is joint-master with Mrs. James C. Clark. John Hughes is professional huntsman and Raymond Burr is also an honorary- whipper-in. Forty couples of American foxhounds are kept at Sun Ridge Farm, Fairfield and Newtown, Conn.

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bridge Mr. Kerr led the field. "No, they are turning back!" Up across the field sped hounds true on the line of the wily old boy who tried to give them the slip at the water's edge. On into Mr. Stokes' woods, across his fields, and through his home place to Providence Road. Left up the road to the Gradyville Road pines. Here on another left turn the fox led straight back towards Chestnut Sprouts. In the field, on the side of the hill from whence he started, he gave up and went to earth. He must have hated to admit hounds had taken his measure! By the clock we had been actually running an hour and a half. And it was thankful we were the fox cried quits. The field of thirty had dwindled to around ten. But it was a pleased and proud field. A real run, one out of the top drawer, for Mr. Kerr!

Hound work this week has been excellent. Singer continues to hold his own among "the dogs". Envy, a large, tri-colored, quite beautiful bitch, probably uncovered more foxes than Helen or Harmony or Spornine. In Saturday's run, however, new stars, all bitches, forged to the front. Lena uncovered the fox in Chestnut Sprouts, and Lovely and Dimple led all the way. A toast to the women! — P. G. G.



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On Wednesday, February 5, the meet was at 2:00 at Mrs. Stettinius' barn. It was a cold, clear, crisp day, although later it felt like summer to us. We had only five couple out today, as it was icy under foot. The field also, was small, it was "Ladies' Day" not officially, it just happened that none of the men played hookie from work, this particular Wednesday. The master, Courtenay Jenifer, Jr., was mounted on **Briar Blue**, huntsman, Bart Mueller on **Traverser**, a beautiful grey; Mrs. Wade Levering on her champion **Laurille**; Miss Katherine Bosley on **Madonna**, a large grey mare; Weezy Hollyday on her three year old pony, **Dusky**, who keeps up with the field and jumps everything; Betty Brown on **War Lad**; Priscilla Littman on **Mephistopheles**, a small horse for such a large name, and really not a devil at all; Yours Truly on **Fox Trot**.

The hounds were cast in Twin Woods covert, west of Stettinius'. In a very few minutes they found and ran their fox out into the open, and went away, north, over open country for a good mile. A pretty sight, "Sue" leading the pack, and she kept the lead all the way. We had a few jumps and came up on top of The Alms House hill, it was icy on the north side and very steep, but that was the only way; so down we went. A nice, new, stiff, post and rail right at the bottom, looked a bit treacherous, but everyone got over safely. Hounds were on through Mr. Stickles' covert, we soon caught up and saw them going lickity split through a corn field. The whip, in the field beyond, viewed the fox away. We checked for a second while hounds east to the left and then were off again. By this time our horses were in a lather, and but for patches of snow here and there, everything seemed warm and glowing. Two more fields to gallop over, a rail fence with a ditch on either side, and a check which turned out to be

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ELY'S HOUNDS

Ambler, R. D. 1, Pennsylvania. Established 1929. Recognized 1931.



The meet, February 13, was in the lower country and was a very interesting day from many hound men's viewpoint. The Grenloe gray fox, which is an unusually large one, ran a most accomodating line between two roads about two miles apart for 1 hour and 35 minutes. The scent was so catchy that he was not more than about a field ahead of the hounds most of the time. We were able to keep in the same field with hounds, viewing the fox ahead. He finally went to ground in the Lawler's Rocks.

On the 15th, hounds met at Palm with a reduced field through Florida absentees and a sick list. It was good to see Joan Fernley out after her nasty fall of several weeks ago. The going was remarkably good, which was fortunate, because after 1 hour and a half drawing, hounds found in Treichler's East Woods and after running slowly for the first mile, scent improved and they raced across the Geryville country with its post and rail and snake fences. Finally, the fox turned just short of the Spinnerstown Road and was viewed about 1-4 mile ahead of hounds as they came down through Balk Woods, finally ending in the Old Saw Mill Rocks. Our second fox ran in a most unaccomodating manner in Constable South Woods before also going in. The third fox was apparently away ahead of hounds or else the scent had changed because they could only hunt at a walk toward Spinnerstown and were finally stopped. J. H.

FAIRFAX HUNT

Vienna, Virginia. Established 1927. Recognized 1933.



Fairfax salutes the Chronicle, and, before it is "all over with the blooming of the stinking violets", wants to submit its 1940-41 contribution. Not for many a year have foxes been accounted for in this territory with such regularity. Hounds have killed seven times and denned frequently. Last Tuesday one fox was denned and another treed. Last Saturday in a high wind they killed a grey almost in the burst. The field has enjoyed some enormously good runs. Very few days were drawn completely blank. The credit for this best of all seasons goes to Stewart Preece, M. F. H. who learned his hunting at his mother's knee in England. In three short years, one as chairman of the Hunt Committee and two as master, Mr. Preece has developed a small, fast pack which carries a line with a tenacity that is remarkable in such young entries.

We have hunted twice a week, Tuesdays and Saturdays, with fields ranging from a few regulars to thirty-seven at the opening meet and the end. It was as though the fox had gone up in smoke right on the crest of the hill. Eight hounds cast and recast, but no luck. Our run had lasted forty minutes.

We did not draw another covert as the master was afraid of the thin ice on Lock Raven and hounds might run across and fall through, so the huntsman collected hounds and called it a day. We had a short hack from Mr. Lanahan's back to the vans.

Peggy Darsie

about the same number on Thanksgiving Day when hounds met at Ravensworth, one of the ancestral homes of the Lees and Fitzhughes on the Braddock Road, where it is said G. Washington once rode to hounds.

We have had several memorable days. On November 9 after an exciting run of forty-five minutes the field (not hounds) came to an abrupt check on Snake Den Road. We were hemmed in on all sides by wire. Hounds were still in good voice and working the line but were out of sight in the dense woods on the right. Various members of the field started casting about on their own looking for an opening in the fence, when suddenly, in an open field on our left not more than fifteen feet from some twenty chattering followers, a big grey slowly raised his head above the sedge grass and stared, and stared, and stared. Not one muscle did he move. The field surprised into silence stared back with mouths ajar. This continued, believe it or not, for a full ten minutes with quarry and field separated by only a few strands of barbed wire, and with hounds still giving tongue in the distance. To lift hounds or not to lift them was the question being discussed by the master and the huntsman when old Wayward (who is no more) suddenly appeared around the bend of the road. The huntsman jumped from his horse and carried Wayward to the fence literally throwing him at the fox. Then ensued such a burst as you have never heard nor seen with one aging hound close on the heels of the sturdy, grey dog fox. The latter was too fast and easily got away but Wayward's challenge and fine voice quickly brought the young hounds on to the advanced line. In another

half-hour we came up to them in the woods with the fox on the uppermost branches of a tall tree and the pack wildly scratching the earth below.

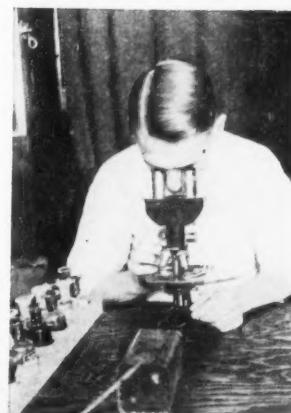
Another great day was December 7 when hounds killed after a short and fast run. They roused a young red on the first cast who promptly splashed into and across Difficult Run. With screaming breast high scent to follow, hounds rolled after him, heads up and voices raised to that glorious full cry pitch. Quickly they pushed Reynard into the open where they killed in full view of the entire field.

On December 14 we had our longest and toughest run. From ten-thirty until almost four we pounded up and down Lawyers Road above the Hunter's Mill turning, with an occasional foray into the dense woodland where hounds were running without let or check. Lawyer's Road it should be told, is at this point a typical Northern Virginia secondary road, that is, impassable for motor cars but ideal for horses. With neither gravel nor macadam underfoot, but only good red clay, we galloped for miles to a point, then doubled back for as many more miles to another point. And this was repeated over and over again. "Second riders" as well as second horses would have been a welcome sight to many of us. Finally hounds headed for open country, toward the kennels. The field took a short cut. Down the old Washington-Herndon Railroad track we galloped with heels clicking against steel rails and uneven wooden ties—an exhilarating, if not a particularly secure pastime. As we turned from the tracks toward the kennels we apparently headed the

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Editorials

HATS OFF AMERICA

Young America is beginning to leave home, leaving favored haunts, familiar rooms and nooks and crannies known so well as home, leaving, perhaps for the first time, the fields and hills and streams whose outlines are so full of boyhood associations. These boys, drafted or volunteers are America's own first line of defense, and sportsmen all, they are her best.

It is hard to realize as they pass through the streets of city and town, as the trucks rumble off, as their guidons flutter by, it is hard to think that greater and more difficult things may be demanded of them than just a year of training. The world is looking now at the youth of America, watching their ability to train, to shape into soldiers, to become, at length, a mobile, fighting force, for in this ability may lie the fate of the world, for America stands as the balance wheel, her weight may turn the scales.

In small, determined groups, in ones and twos, in bands of a score, they march off. They do not need to be told that their departure may spell the first step in a movement which may take them into the front ranks of a first rate war. It is no pleasant thought, what the future may hold in store, as the boys of America face the uncertainty of a desperate world.

Now they have gone, our sport seems a little emptier, a little quieter, as if travelers with sealed orders have just said farewell, whose journey's end is a limitless to define as the future itself and whose goodbyes leave one quiet with the sudden sense of being left alone behind. It is hard to realize that the youth of America are really on the march, that their steps will not be heard down worn paths or on main streets, no, not for some time, not until a deadly menace in our time is removed from the earth. Their life has been full of laughter, of ready, eager hands, of work and play and on and on from morning to night, but now all that is changed for America has asked for them and they are marching on.

When you see the local unit passing by, you smile, perhaps, they seem so young and their number so small, when armies number millions and these boys are but little groups, like pins upon a map. There is no great show, there are no bands to play, no cheers, just, "So long, Bill," a tear, a smile, a wave and so they go away, a quiet, unimpressive band, you pause to look at as they march on down the street, and then you continue on your way, thinking, perhaps, where this all will lead.

Listen, now, for soon you will hear them marching, marching. Is this the group that just signed up, are these the boys that laughed and said, "So long?" Do you hear that deep and far off rumble, cannot you feel the ground begin to shake with marching feet? There's a bugle call and then another and soon the air is filled with calls and there are drums whose muffled roll comes nearer you and nearer yet until over the horizon you see them come, line after line, column after column, thousands upon thousands, the young men of America, no mere band, no group of boys in line, but a mighty army now that truly shakes the land. The fighting force of a great nation, drawn from every town and hamlet, from every city and farm, joined, banded and built into the finest army in the world. Ships and guns and tanks and planes, all following our flag, all made by these same boys. Hats off America for young boys are leaving home and their fame, the strength of their arms, the essence of their courage will go around the world. Their might will bring peace, their force will not be denied for their hand is rising to strike oppression.

THE CHRONICLE

Letters to the Editor

Mating Of Foxes

February 13, 1941

The Chronicle,
Middleburg, Va.

Gentlemen:

I have a private pack of beagles at "Ivy Hill" in the Green Spring Valley and we have regular meets every Sunday afternoon with an attendance ranging from forty to eighty persons.

On Saturday afternoon, February 8, 1941, the kennel man took the beagles out for exercise for the Sunday meet and in a deep woods back of my place, as he entered a ravine he suddenly came on two foxes mating. They were surrounded by the beagle pack, consisting of some nine couples and before the dog fox could break away from his mate he was apparently quite badly mauled. The vixen went off to the south and the dog fox to the north splitting the pack and, finally, after about twenty-five minutes, the kennel man was able to assemble the pack of beagles.

While he was returning home, down a quiet lane leading out of the deep woods, he passed a stationary automobile and the driver called out, thinking that it was a fox hunt, that he had just seen, about ten minutes before, two foxes run by his machine moving rather slowly, one limping and the other one apparently licking his head.

In my experience in fox hunting, I have heard the matter discussed many times, but no one in our community, either with the Green Spring, Elkridge or Harford packs has ever seen the actual mating of foxes and also, I have been told there is only one authentic case which occurred in one of the hunting countries in England.

Yours very truly,
Francis N. Iglesias, Jr.
St. Paul's School
Concord, N. H.

Belmont Subscriptions

Indianapolis, Ind.
February 12, 1941Editor The Chronicle
Middleburg, Virginia
Dear Sir:

I have had the pleasure in the past of attending several of the Middleburg Hunt Race Meets and feel their Hunt Panelling Fund Benefit Purse for the Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase to be run on April 12 should be supported by not only recognized hunts but also individual members and others interested in hunting.

Therefore, I shall appreciate your sending the inclosed ten dollar bill on to the secretary of the Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase purse.

I furthermore, believe that **THE CHRONICLE** would be rendering a real service to hunting if they would offer to receive subscriptions from individuals for the Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase purse.

Thanking you in advance, I am

"Ole Tymer"

(Editor's Note: The Chronicle will be very glad to receive subscriptions from members and subscribers of recognized hunts, and otherwise interested parties, for the Raymond Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase will be of interest to your readers, I have submitted them.

Purse, in the event that this is not fully subscribed by Recognized Hunts. As of February 18, there were 20 paid or promised subscriptions from Recognized Hunts, and the list of guarantors (of \$10 subscriptions individually) numbered 33.)

Belmont Pink Coat Race

Middleburg, Va.
February 4, 1941.

Gentlemen:

The Middleburg Race Assn. sent out conditions for the Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase to all Masters of Foxhounds. The race is to be held at the Middleburg Spring Meeting, on April 12, in conjunction with the regular card. Masters were asked for their reactions.

The race seems destined to fill well. There has been a general approval. I quote the following:

"I have the announcement... It is a great idea and I wish our Hunt could have a horse in it. This seems to be impossible, as winter has put an end to our hunting, nobody will be able to keep a horse fit.....all we can do is to wish you luck. Sincerely,"

Edward D. Mulligan, M. F. H.
Genesee Valley Hunt. (N. Y.)

"Herewith, please find check for \$10 for Bath County Subscription. We hope to have two horses starting. How do I pay for the second horse? Sincerely."

Mrs. Fay Ingalls, M. F. H.
Bath County Hounds. (Va.)

"I think the Belmont Hunter Championship Steeplechase is a very good idea and we hope to have a horse as a starter, Sincerely".

Fletcher Harper, M. F. H.
Orange County Hunt (Va.)

"I am sure that this race will create a great deal of interest and should fill nicely. You may certainly count on Farmington Hunt for a subscription. I am hopeful that we will have certainly two or more entries.... your efforts along the amateur line should go a long way toward reviving the interest of hunt meetings, very sincerely,"

Rodger R. Rinehart, M. F. H.
Farmington Hunt (Va.)

"Mr. William Bell Watkins, M. F. H. turned over to me the letter regarding the Belmont Hunter Championship race. The Blue Ridge Hunt, I can assure you, will have at least one entry.... I should like to see the weight limit about 165 pounds or have allowances made for the lighter and smaller horses. The description of the race in the proposal will meet with great enthusiasm, I know.

The few people I have talked to about it, here across the mountains, are all excited and so you can be assured of a pleasing entry.

A. A. Baldwin, Member,
Blue Ridge Hunt.

Believing that these men's opinions and approvals on the Raymond Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase will be of interest to your readers, I have submitted them.

very sincerely,
Daniel C. Sands, M. F. H.
Middleburg Hunt.

Equitation and Horsemanship

BY "PROCTOR KNOTT"

The Midwinter Horse Show Is Montclair's 10th Annual Test For Horsemanship

On Saturday, January 4, the first show of the year with a horsemanship championship took place at the Montclair Riding Club. Many New Jersey exhibitors, as well as a number from around New York met there to compete in Montclair's 10th annual Midwinter Horse Show.

An interesting departure from the usual were five classes for the junior military units in which many boys and girls competed. Judges of the show were Dr. and Mrs. Walter H. Brundage of Pelham, N. Y., in the horsemanship, saddle horse and hack classes, and Col. William W. West, an officer in the U. S. Army Reserve, for the military and jumping classes.

Jean Girdler stood out with her three blues in saddle horse classes, but she did not compete in the age classes, as she has announced her retirement from horsemanship.

In the A. S. P. C. A. good hands event Carol Jane Allen of Portchester, N. Y. was the victor, after a close battle with Janet Ann Meade of Scarsdale, N. Y. Dick Van Winkle placed 3rd, Lois Lisanti 4th, George McKelvey III, 5th, and Frank Carroll's diminutive pupil, Ann Morningstar, 6th. It was not until individual performances were called for that Miss Allen was assured of victory, turning in a smoother performance on a figure eight than did Miss Meade, who was riding her newly acquired saddle mare, **Green Light**.

As a result Miss Allen became the third to qualify for the championship good hands class at Madison Square Garden.

Ann Morningstar won the A. S. P. C. A. horsemanship event, with the jumps set at 3' 0", according to the A. S. P. C. A. rules. Several children showed good form, but Miss Morningstar, in test performances called for from a selected few, drew a big hand from the gallery in the jump-off. Jane Earle was runner-up, with Carol Jane Allen, 3rd, Mary Morgan, 4th, Fifi Moeckel, 5th, and Master Phil Fanning, 6th.

In the class for the junior members of the American Horse Shows Association, Lois Lisanti impressed the judges with her performance when she was changed to Frances Johnson's **Frisco Flo**. She previously rode her horsemanship mount **Lovely Lady**, recently purchased from Julius Glaser. Janet Ann Meade placed 2nd, Dick Van Winkle was 3rd.

The higher age class, for children over fourteen, was won by the 1940 National A. H. S. A. medal winner, William Steinkraus. All six ribbon winners changed horses in this class. Carol Jane Allen placed 2nd, with Janet Ann Meade, 3rd.

Mr. Steinkraus was also winner in the bareback horsemanship class, in which he has seldom been defeated, with Lurline Eberhardt, 2nd, and Mildred Roberson, 3rd.

Fifteen young riders competed in the novice horsemanship class. The results were, first, William P. Dunn, III, 2nd, Emil Tietge, Jr., and 3rd, Jean Leadbeater.

The classes for the junior military units were particularly interesting, as the number participating was large, and the competition seemed very close. Most of the onlookers did not understand the fine points of the military seat, but all were impressed by the good spirits of the contestants and their assurance with mounts. An unusual feature of the junior military classes was that the horses were drawn by lot. The performance of the rider alone counted.

In the boys' class, open to any member of a Troop unit, Robert J. Braun was returned victor, with William E. Bradley 2nd, and Phil Fanning 3rd.

In the girls' class, Kitty Ann Eavenson of the local girls' troop was outstanding, winning the blue from Ann Carpenter, who was 2nd, and Shirley Reeser 3rd.

A feature of the evening which everyone enjoyed was the competition for the Troop Challenge Trophy, which is presented by the Junior Cavalry of America for horsemanship over 3' 0" jumps. This was run like an open jumping class, with the judges noting faults of jumping, and also horsemanship and management of the mounts. Phil Fanning was the winner, defeating Jane Elizabeth Earle 2nd, and Robert Etherington 3rd.

The most popular of the junior military classes from the point of view of entries was the one held for the Perpetual Challenge Trophy, donated by the Montclair Mounted Troop and the Girls' Mounted Troop. It was open to both boys and girls. The winner was William E. Brady, with Kitty Ann Eavenson 2nd, and Lurline Eberhardt 3rd.

Certainly a word of credit is due to Col. R. Potter Campbell, leader of the Boys' Troop, and Mrs. Campbell, leader of the Girls' Troop, for their fine work in coaching these children.

The girls had their own novice horsemanship class for military seat. In this Mary Deming was the winner.

In the horsemanship championship, a most unusual situation arose when the saddle horse equitation judges and the military equitation judges were at a loss to decide on the winner, owing to the vast dif-

ference between the two types of riding, saddle horse seat, and military seat. However, a happy solution was found in separating the class into two divisions.

Letters to Editor

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Brandywine Cancels

Creek Road Farm,
West Chester, Pa.
February 15, 1941.

Gentlemen:

In your point-to-point calendar, you very kindly include Brandywine Point-to-Point. It is with much regret that I have to inform you that the race will not be held this year. After all, entries are an important part of a race program and the City Troop and Field Artillery will have removed from the Brandywine country many of our younger prospective riders.

Last year we made our conditions consistent with The Chronicle's suggestions, stressing weight and distance. Every horse had been hunted regularly all season and finished a 6 mile course in fine shape, well

ridden. This year we have the same conditions, but the horses have not been hunted as much, and the 6 mile course is not as well known.

In the saddle horse seat division William Steinkraus was named champion, thus winning the first horsemanship championship of 1941, with Janet Ann Meade, reserve. In the military division, Col. West adjudged Kitty Ann Eavenson champion, with Ann Carpenter reserve.

This division solution might well be applied to other shows where there are two different styles of riding during the show. At least here was an idea very well received.

It is interesting to note that Lurline Eberhardt and Jane Elizabeth Earle, although neither won a blue, placed in the ribbons in both military and saddle horse seat classes,—not an easy accomplishment.

Of the adult, family and pair classes the performance of Jean Girdler and Frances Johnson in the pair class stood out, and they added another blue to their enviable record of 16 wins without defeat. Jean Girdler was on **Lee Flower**, and Frances Johnson rode **Frisco Flo**.

bunched at the finish. There was one exception, which was caused by a hard bump at the first fence—more the fault of the bumped than the bumper.

A. Mackay Smith's letter in the February 14 issue of The Chronicle should be carefully considered by all interested in Point-to-Point racing. Not only because Mr. Smith is doing so much to improve the means of transportation in foxhunting, but because it seems to me so obvious that weight and distance are the only devices which will cut down speed—anything else merely adding to the test and incidentally the hazard.

Very sincerely yours,
Thomas Graham.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Smith's letter referred to the Raymond Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase to be run on April 12. His suggestion was that the race should be longer than the proposed "about four miles." The weight heavier than the proposed 185 pounds.

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Alive And Reliable

Dear Chronicle:

My subscription would expire February 9th, so here is my renewal to your "Horseman's Weekly Journal" the most alive and reliable, readable source of horse news ever written. Long may you flourish.

Sincerely,
Helen Warren Holliday
Rapidan, Va.

February 7th, 1941
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Saturday, March 22

1. THE FERMATA, Hurdles. \$300. 1½ miles.
2. THE PALMETTO, Maiden, Brush. \$1,000. 2 miles.
3. THE AIKEN 'CAP, Brush. \$500. 2 miles.
4. THE IMPERIAL CUP, Hurdles. \$1,000. 2 miles.
5. THE SAND RIVER, Flat. \$300. 7 furlongs.
6. THE CRAZY CREEK, Flat. \$300. 1½ miles.

ENTRIES CLOSE

Wednesday, Mar. 12
GEORGE H. BOSTWICK
Aiken, S. C.

THE SANDHILLS Meeting

Saturday, March 15

1. THE CATAWBA, Hurdles. \$600. 1½ miles.
2. THE CROATAN, Maiden, Brush. \$1,000. 2 miles.
3. SANDHILLS CUP, Timber. \$500. 3 miles.
4. THE YADKIN, Brush. \$1,200. 2 miles.
5. RANDOLPH MEMORIAL, Flat. \$300. 1 mile.

ENTRIES CLOSE

Wednesday, Mar. 5
RICHARD WALLACH
Southern Pines, N. C.

THE CAROLINA CUP Meeting

Saturday, March 29

1. CAMDEN MAIDEN, Brush. \$1,000. 2 miles.
2. WATERFORD PLATE, Flat. Subscription 1½ miles.
3. CAROLINA CUP, Timber. \$500. 3 miles.
4. SPRINGDALE STEEPELCHASE, Brush. \$500. 2½ miles.
5. CAMDEN PLATE, Flat. \$200. 1 mile.
6. BARON DE KALB, Hurdles. \$300. 1½ miles.

ENTRIES CLOSE

Wednesday, Mar. 19
HARRY D. KIRKOVER
Camden, S. C.

The Chronicle's Sporting Calendar

Racing Calendar

FEBRUARY

1-Mar. 8. Santa Anita Park, Los Angeles Turf Club, Arcadia, Cal. (From Dec. 28, 1940.)
 San Antonio Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 22 \$10,000 Added
 California-Bred Two-Year Old Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Feb. 26 \$5,000 Added
 SANTA ANITA HANDICAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 1 \$100,000 Added
 Juvenile Champion Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Mar. 1 \$50,000 Added
 San Juan Capistrano Handicap, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 1 \$50,000 Added
 1-Mar. 1. Hialeah Park, Miami Jockey Club, Miami, Fla. (From Jan. 8).
 The Flamingo, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 22 \$20,000 Added
 The Miami Jockey Club Dinner Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Mon., Feb. 24 \$2,000 Added
 The Evening, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, fillies and mares, Fri., Feb. 28 \$5,000 Added
 THE WIDENER, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 1 \$50,000 Added
 Hialeah Juvenile Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Sat., Mar. 1 \$5,000 Added
 1-Mar. 20. Oriental Park, Havana Racing and Casino Ass'n., Havana, Cuba. (From Jan. 18).
 24-Mar. 29. Oaklawn Park, Oaklawn Jockey Club, Hot Springs, Ark.

MARCH

3-Apr. 10. Tropical Park, Gables Racing Ass'n., Coral Gables, Fla.

APRIL

1-12. Bowie, Southern Maryland Agricultural Ass'n., Bowie, Md.
 Roe Memorial Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Wed., Apr. 2 \$5,000 Added
 Bowie Handicap, 1 mi., 70 yrs., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Apr. 5 \$5,000 Added
 Bowie Kindergarten Stakes, 4 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Apr. 9 \$2,500 Added
 Southern Maryland Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 12 \$5,000 Added
 10-24. Keeneland, Keeneland Association, Inc., Lexington, Ky.
 Phoenix Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Thurs., Apr. 10 \$2,500 Added
 Ashland Stakes, 6 f., 3-yr. old fillies, Sat., Apr. 12 \$2,500 Added
 Ben Ali Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 19 \$2,500 Added
 Lafayette Stakes, about 4 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Apr. 23 \$2,500 Added
 Blue Grass Stakes, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr. olds, Thurs., Apr. 24 \$10,000 Added
 12-May 10. Jamaica, Metropolitan Jockey Club, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
 Paumanok Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 12 \$7,500 Added
 Experimental Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 19 \$5,000 Added
 Excelor Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 19 \$10,000 Added
 WOOD MEMORIAL, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Apr. 26 \$20,000 Added
 Rosedale Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. olds, fillies, Sat., May 3 \$5,000 Added
 Jamaica Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., May 3 \$5,000 Added
 Grey Lag Handicap, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 10 \$10,000 Added
 Youthful Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. olds, Sat., May 10 \$5,000 Added
 14-26. Havre de Grace, Harford Agricultural and Breeders' Ass'n., Havre de Grace, Md.
 14-May 10. Narragansett, Narragansett Racing Ass'n., Pawtucket, R. I.
 12-May 10. Narragansett, Narragansett Racing Ass'n., Pawtucket, R. I.
 Spring Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 12 \$5,000 Added
 Roger Williams Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 19 \$5,000 Added
 Bristol Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 26 \$5,000 Added
 Rhode Island Handicap, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 3 \$10,000 Added
 Blackstone Valley Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, May 10 \$5,000 Added
 28-31. Sportsman's Park, National Jockey Club, Cicero, Ill.
 26-May 17. Churchill Downs, Churchill Downs-Latonia, Inc., Louisville, Ky.
 Clark Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 26 \$2,500 Added
 Derby Trial Stakes, 1 mi., 3-yr. olds, Tues., Apr. 29 \$2,500 Added
 Debutante Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. old fillies, Wed., Apr. 30 \$2,500 Added
 Churchill Downs Handicap, 1 mi., 3 & up, Thurs., May 1 \$2,500 Added
 Bashford Manor Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. old colts and geldings, Fri., May 2 \$2,500 Added
 KENTUCKY DERBY, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., May 3 \$75,000 Added
 Kentucky Handicap, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 10 \$2,500 Added
 Kentucky Oaks, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr. old fillies, Sat., May 17 \$5,000 Added
 28-May 10. Pimlico, Maryland Jockey Club, Baltimore, Md.
 Baltimore Spring Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Mon., Apr. 28 \$2,500 Added
 Bennett Handicap, 6 f., 3-yr. olds, Tues., Apr. 29 \$2,500 Added
 Gittins Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Wed., Apr. 30 \$2,500 Added
 Ral Parr Stakes, 4 1/2 f., 2-yr. olds, Thurs., May 1 \$2,500 Added
 Jervis Spencer Steeplechase Handicap, 2 mi., 4 & up, Fri., May 2 \$2,500 Added
 Pimlico Oaks, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. old fillies, Sat., May 3 \$10,000 Added
 Jennings Handicap, 6 f., 3-yr. olds, Mon., May 5 \$5,000 Added
 Survivor Stakes, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Tues., May 6 \$2,500 Added
 Dixie Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Wed., May 7 \$20,000 Added
 Carroll Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, fillies and mares, Thurs., May 8 \$2,500 Added
 Pimlico Nursery Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. olds, Fri., May 9 \$5,000 Added
 PREAKNESS STAKES, 1 3-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., May 10 \$50,000 Added
 MAY

12-July 26. Suffolk Downs, Eastern Racing Ass'n., Inc., Boston, Mass.
 Plymouth Rock Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., May 14 \$5,000 Added
 Governor's Handicap, 1 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 24 \$5,000 Added
 Tomassello Memorial Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up,

Fri., May 30 \$5,000 Added
 Puritan Handicap, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., June 7 \$5,000 Added
 Commonwealth Handicap, 6 f., 3-yr. old fillies, Sat., June 14 \$5,000 Added
 Betsy Ross Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. old fillies, Sat., June 28 \$5,000 Added
 Constitution Handicap, 1 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., June 28 \$5,000 Added
 Yankee Handicap, 1 3-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Fri., July 4 \$25,000 Added
 Myles Standish Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. olds, colts & geldings, Sat., July 5 \$7,500 Added
 Hannah Dustin Handicap, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., July 12 \$10,000 Added
 Massachusetts Handicap, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Wed., July 16 \$50,000 Added
 Mayflower Stakes, 5 1/2 f., 2-yr. olds, Sat., July 19 \$15,000 Added
 17-24. Woodbine Park, Ontario Jockey Club, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 19-June 21. Lincoln Fields, Lincoln Fields Jockey Club, Inc., Chicago, Ill.
 21-July 5. Detroit, Detroit Racing Ass'n., Detroit, Mich.
 23-July 26. Hollywood Park, Hollywood Turf Club, Inglewood, Cal.
 Hollywood Premier Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Fri., May 23 \$10,000 Added
 Haggins Stakes, 5 1/2 f., 2-yr. olds, Cal. foaled, Sat., May 24 \$10,000 Added
 Argonaut Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 4 & up, Fri., May 30 \$10,000 Added
 Will Rogers Handicap, 7 f., 3-yr. olds, Sat., May 31 \$10,000 Added
 Golden State Breeders Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Cal. foaled, Sat., June 7 \$10,000 Added
 Sequoia Handicap, 7 f., 3 & up, fillies and mares, Sat., June 14 \$10,000 Added
 Inglewood Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., June 21 \$10,000 Added
 Vanity Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, fillies and mares, Sat., June 28 \$10,000 Added
 American Handicap, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Fri., July 4 \$20,000 Added
 Starlet Stakes, 6 f., 2-yr. olds, Sat., July 5 \$10,000 Added
 Hollywood Derby, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., July 12 \$25,000 Added
 HOLLYWOOD GOLD CUP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., July 19 \$75,000 Added
 Sunset Handicap, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., July 26 \$25,000 Added
 28-June 2. Thorncriff Park, Thorncriff Park Racing and Breeding Ass'n., Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
 27-July 5. Ak-Sar-Ben Exposition Co., Omaha, Neb.

JUNE

4-11. Long Branch, Long Branch Jockey Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 9-July 2. Aqueduct, Queens County Jockey Club, Aqueduct, L. I., N. Y.
 14-21. Dufferin Park, Metropolitan Racing Ass'n., of Canada, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 16-July 26. Elkwood Park, Monmouth Park Racing Ass'n., Oceanport, N. J.
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 23-July 31. Arlington Park, Arlington Park Jockey Club, Inc., Chicago, Ill.
 24-July 1. Hamilton, Hamilton Jockey Club, Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

JULY

4-19. Fort Erie, Niagara Racing Ass'n., Ltd., Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada
 3-26. Empire City, Empire City Racing Ass'n., Yonkers, N. Y.
 15-19. Hagerstown, Hagerstown Fair, Hagerstown, Md.
 21-Aug. 7. Rockingham Park, New Hampshire Breeders & Racing Ass'n., Salem, N. H.
 21-Aug. 9. Rockingham Park, New Hampshire Jockey Club, Salem, N. H.
 23-30. Queens Park, Ascot Turf Club, London, Ontario, Canada.
 23-Aug. 2 Bel Air, Harford County Fair Ass'n., Bel Air, Md.
 28-Aug. 30. Saratoga, Saratoga Ass'n., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

AUGUST

1-Sept. 1. Del Mar, Del Mar Turf Club, San Diego, Cal.
 1-Sept. 6. Washington Park, Washington Park Jockey Club, Inc., Chicago, Ill.
 2-9. Hamilton, Hamilton Jockey Club, Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
 15-16. Cumberland, Cumberland Fair Ass'n., Cumberland, Md.
 4-Sept. 20. Narragansett Park, Narragansett Racing Ass'n., Pawtucket, R. I.
 16-Sept. 1. Stamford Park, Bellville Driving & Athletic Ass'n., Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada
 20-30. Marlboro, Southern Maryland Agricultural Fair Ass'n., Marlboro, Md.

SEPTEMBER

1-11. Timonium, Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Timonium, Md.
 13-19. Thorncriff Park, Thorncriff Park Racing and Breeding Ass'n., Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 8-Oct. 18. Hawthorne, Chicago Business Men's Racing Ass'n., Chicago, Ill.
 13-27. Havre de Grace, Harford Agricultural & Breeders' Ass'n., Havre de Grace, Md.
 20-27. Woodbine Park, Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
 21-Nov. 15. Rockingham Park, New Hampshire Breeders & Racing Ass'n., Salem, N. H.

OCTOBER

1-29. Laurel, Maryland State Fair, Inc., Laurel, Md.
 4-11. Long Branch, Long Branch Jockey Club, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 13-20. Dufferin Park, Metropolitan Racing Ass'n., of Canada, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 20-Nov. 1. Sportsman's Park, National Jockey Club, Cicero, Ill.
 30-Nov. 13. Pimlico, Maryland Jockey Club, Baltimore, Md.

NOVEMBER

14-29. Bowle, Southern Maryland Agricultural Ass'n., Bowie, Md.

Hunt Meeting Calendar

MARCH

15-Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Ass'n., Southern Pines, N. C.
 22-Aiken Mile Track Ass'n., Aiken, S. C.
 29-Carolina Cup, Camden, S. C.

APRIL

5-Deep Run Hunt Club, Richmond, Va.
 12-18th Annual Mission Valley Hunt Meeting, Horse Show and Farmers Picnic, Somerset Place, Johnson County, Kan.
 12-Middleburg Hunt Race Ass'n., Middleburg, Va.

JULY

4-5-Culpeper, Va.
 10-13-Country Club, Rye, N. Y.
 11-12-Valley Hunt, Bradford, Pa.
 11-12-Oconomowoc, Wis.
 11-12-Scranton, Clark Summit, Pa.
 13-Buttonwood Farm Horse Show, Chester, Vt., care Paul W. Adams.
 17-19-Monmouth County, Rumson, N. J.
 18-19-Rappahannock County, Washington, Va.
 26-27-Lakeville, Conn.

AUGUST

1-2-Pittsfield Riding and Polo Club, Pittsfield, Mass.

1-3-Jersey Shore, Spring Lake, N. J.

7-8-Bath County, Hot Springs, Va.

8-10-Sagamore, Bolton Landing, N. Y.

9-Litchfield, Conn.

14-15-Clarke County, Berryville, Va.

15-16-Eastern Slope, North Conway, N. H.

16-17-Lake Placid, N. Y.

17-18-Missouri Agricultural, Goshen, Conn.

17-19-Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Mo.

21-23-Poconos Mts., Mt. Pocono, Pa.

21-23-Cohasset, Mass.

23-Riding Club of East Hampton, L. I.

23-Keswick Hunt, Keswick, Va.

25-26-Huntingdon County, Huntingdon, Pa.

26-27-Rhinebeck Dutchesas County, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

27-29-Horford County Fair, Bel Air, Md.

29-30-Orangeburg Fair, Orangeburg, N. Y.

30-Smithtown, St. James, L. I.

30-Sept. 1-Warrenton, Va.

SEPTEMBER

1-Altoona, Pa.

4-North Shore, Stony Brook, L. I., N. Y.

5-6-Cecil County, Breeders' Fair, Fair Hill, Md.

7-American Legion, Stapleton, Staten Is.

9-12-Brockton Fair, Brockton, Mass.

12-13-New Brunswick, N. J.

13-Gipsy Trail Club, Carmel, N. Y.

14-Lawrence Farms Hunt, Mount Kisco, N. Y.

15-20-Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass.

18-21-North Shore, Stony Brook, L. I.

18-20-Wissahickon, Whitehern, Pa.

19-20-Farmington Hunt, Farmington, Conn.

20-Byram River, Glenville, Conn.

21-Pocantico Hills, N. Tarrytown, N. Y.

24-27-Bryn Mawr, Pa.

25-29-Monterey County Fair, Monterey, Calif.

26-27-Montclair, N. J.

27-Oct. 4-St. Louis National, Mo.

28-Brookville Charity, Brookville, L. I.

OCTOBER

1-5-Piping Rock, Locust Valley, L. I.

2-4-Rock Spring, W. Orange, N. J.

5-11-Ak-Sar-Ben, Omaha, Neb.

15-25-American Royal, Kansas City, Mo.

23-25-Harrisburg, Pa.

23-26-Inter-American, Chevy Chase, Md.

NOVEMBER

5-12-National, Madison Square Garden, N. Y.

29-Boulder Brook, N. Y.

DECEMBER

13-Brooklyn, N. Y.

Farmer's Day

APRIL

-Battle Creek Saddle and Hunt Club, River-

side Drive, Battle Creek, Mich. (No date set).

12-27th Annual Mission Valley Hunt Meeting,

Horse Show and Farmers Picnic, Somer-

set Place, Johnson County, Kan.

12-27-Bridlesup Hunt, Clayton, Mo.

12-28-Meadow Brook Hunt, Greenvale Farm, Pough-

keepsie, N. Y.

12-29-Howard County Hunt, Md., Glenelg.

SEPTEMBER

20-Bridlesup Hunt, Clayton, Mo., Mme.

Defoes.

6-Howard County Hunt, Md., Glenelg.

OCTOBER

4-Traders Point Hunt, Indianapolis, Ind.

NOVEMBER

14-Rombout Hunt, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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This bay filly, foaled in 1940, by CRACK BRIGADE--CHERRY LAUREL, by TALL TIMBER and half-sister to three winners, has been donated by M. Nelson Bond of Gittings, Md., to aid British War Relief. A drawing for this filly (tickets for which are available at The Chronicle, Middleburg or The Maryland Horse, Towson, Md.) will take place at the Pikesville (Md.) Horse Show on Saturday, March 15.

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WITH THE CAVALRY SCHOOL HUNT, FORT RILEY, KANSAS
(Pictures and Captions by Miss Jane Wilder)



Riders gather about in a large semi-circle in the field back of the chapel, while hounds are blessed by the Chaplain....Saint Hubert, who died in 727, was in the habit of performing such a ritual so Fort Riley's Cavalry School Hunt observes this ancient practice at its first official hunt. The buglers of the Second Cavalry parade through the post to awaken the hunting folks for this blessing, to the strains of "A Hunting We Will Go"...."Though this soldiering's all very well in its place....When it meddles with hunting it's just a disgrace".



The Second Cavalry buglers are arrayed in the uniform once worn by the Second Dragoons during the Mexican War. The sergeant bugler rides a grey and wears a bright red coat with blue trousers. The others ride black horses and wear dark blue coats.

As Sir Robert Surtees once said: "'Unting, The Sport of Kings, the image of war, without its guilt, or 5 and 20% of its danger". The Cavalry School's Establishment, Lt. Col. John Macdonald, M.F.H. (a-foot), while L. to R. are: Maj. Frank Dewey, Lt. Col. Edward Fickett and Capt. John Willey.

"GONE AWAY" WITH FORT RILEY

Foxhunting has existed as a favorite sport of U. S. Army men for years. It goes back to the pre-revolutionary days in this country. Lord Fairfax, who settled in Northern Neck, Va., in 1739, is recorded as importing hounds in 1742. The Gloucester Foxhunting Club, Pa. was organized in 1766. When General Custer was stationed at Fort Riley, in 1867, he kept stag hounds and a pack of foxhounds was maintained by the regiment. Not only coyote and jack rabbit but even bison were hunted....the hounds were employed to slow the animals, for a pistol shot from the saddle. The retired Maj. Gen. H. T. Allen (in 1895 a Lieutenant) organized the Cavalry School Hunt..the first to be established in the Army. It was officially founded in 1921. The 20,000 acres of the Fort's reservation offers an ideal hunting country.

The Cheeha-Cumbahee Hounds

Mr. Booncap's Rebel Yell Was The Child Of The Foxchasing Cry To Hounds That Froze The Marrow In Your Bones

By Betty Babcock

There is nothing like the conceit of a well mounted member of a fashionable pack of foxhounds. His country, his pack, his foxes, his fences are incomparable. His friends are all great men to hounds, though, of course, not possessing his own superlative brilliance. His horses! At this point you either remove yourself or roar like the bull of Bashan.

I vow none of you readers of The Chronicle have ever heard of the Cheeha-Cumbahee Hounds, nor of the country they hunt, nor of the horses that follow them and certainly not of the members of the field in the role of foxhunters.

Twelve thousand acres, lying between the Cheeha and the Cumbahee rivers in Colleton County, South Carolina, is the territory hunted by this pack of homebred American foxhounds. It is a flat, sandy country, the lowland being marsh and rice fields, the upland pine forests as well as stretches of dense woodland and swamp, where white and green oaks tower over magnolia and palm trees, and a jungle of vegetation hides the ground. There isn't a blade of grass in the whole county and as the rainfall is light in winter, the only time to hunt is before the sun rises.

Owing to hydrophobia among the foxes of this region last year, no hound puppies were raised and the pack was, in consequence, restricted in numbers to six couple of working hounds. A level pack? No. A well trained pack? No. A resourceful, driving, good hunting pack? Come to the Weeping Oak, put your well booted foot in that box stirrup and settle yourself in the old army saddle and find out.

You say you never saw such horses, that your saddle is resting on your horse's neck because his shoulder is about two feet long and perfectly perpendicular? Well stick your feet out in front and work it back. What the devil is the matter with that sorry gray, tearing his flank with his teeth? He has the itch. Your horse had a spell of it last summer and so did that elephant plough horse the colored boy is on. The better bred horses didn't catch it. Where are they? Why this is one—the one I'm riding and the chestnut Mr. Booncap is on is another. How are they bred? Say, Mister, how-in-hell should we know, buying 'em at the horse auction in Charleston, but you can see for yourself they ain't mules. That thirteen hand buckskin with black points and the little bay with the small head are native born marsh ponies but don't go asking me who their mammas or pappies were. I don't know. Come on now, kick the fire out, let the hounds loose and let's get going while the moon is still high.

It was black as pitch under those big moss covered oaks but in this field beyond, you can see the glow in the east, silhouetting that line of pines on the horizon, and can count the field. That's Mr. Booncap out in front—harmless looking, soft-speaking, grayhaired man in a leather jacket and rusted laced boots. Why then does his cry freeze the marrow of your bones? Guess he learned it from his father, a soldier in the Confederate Army. I have heard tell the rebel yell was the child of the foxchasing cry to hounds and you believe it now too, don't you?

Mr. Booncap must be the huntsman, so you figure, seeing him out in front cheering hounds, but as your hair settles back on your head, up it goes again as from the rear comes three variants of the yell. What kind of a hunt is this anyhow and why are the three negroes permitted to holler like ban-shees? Sure you always had a hankering to do it yourself but the shades of Peter Beckford and the living presence of the sticklers for convention have buried the desire so deep you didn't know until this moment how strong it was. Mariana, the gentle looking lady riding beside you, foxhunting for the first time in her life and so free of inhibitions though frozen with fear, suddenly lets fly with a screech. Bless Mariana for breaking down convention and now you and the other six members of the field can yell and yodel to your heart's content, and you do.

Does it confuse hounds? It does not for they are doing the same, have done so from the moment they were loosed. "Babblers", you say with fine scorn, "should be shot." "They ain't babbling," the soft voiced Mr. Booncap gently replies, "William seen a fox crossing this field when he come up with the hosses."

William, a cowhorn over his shoulder, his black face alight with the love of foxchasing, now stands high in his stirrups and lets fly a series of encouraging and triumphant howls as the pack closes its ranks and with a sustained high cry tears off to the south. Where the field of cotton stalks ends, the jungle begins, and into it Mr. Booncap gallops wide open and like a snake eels his way through a seemingly solid wall of vegetation without slackening his pace one jot.

It's well hounds have so much voice. You can't see them, you can't see anything because your eyes are tight closed and vines, brambles, thorns of hawthorn threes and sharp dead twigs have long since removed your hat and are now tearing at your face and scalp. Now and then a fallen giant of the forest makes a clearing of sorts but as it lays directly in your path and Mr. Booncap is charging it and you cannot see how your straight shouldered horse with no neck can do anything but fall over it, you close your eyes tight again and think with new appreciation of the safety of hunting a stoutly fenced grass country. You are over it and the grunt you hear comes from Randy who is riding hard on your heels and whose marsh pony jumps like a jack rabbit and so throws Randy hard up against the pommel at every jump.

For two seconds now, no branches have whacked your teeth loose nor brambles torn off bits of your ears and cautiously you open an eye. What in Heaven's name is that black wall higher than your head that Booncap is flying at? He takes it like an Irish bank and not until you reach the top and see the drop and ditch on the far side do you recognize it as the railroad embankment. As Booncap hadn't paused for even a split second, you understand that he doesn't stop for trains and that (as he vanishes in the jungle on the far side still riding at breakneck speed) being killed foxchasing is as

highly thought of in South Carolina as being killed foxhunting is considered in Pennsylvania.

While you turn your little horse loose in the jungle, to bury your head in your arms, you wonder where this horse gets his foot and agility. Certainly, as regards conformation, you would have said he was built to fall flat on his face. Everything that could be wrong in construction is wrong, for you saw all his bones and not one was rightly placed—knock-kneed in front, cowhocked behind, both hips capped and six ribs missing—he even staggered when you mounted. Yet here he is, changing leads like a polo pony, as sure-footed as a mountain goat and staying with hounds that really are running.

You figured the fox was circling now but you didn't expect to plunge down a perpendicular cliff onto the railroad embankment again quite so soon. Hounds check for a moment, some casting back, some down the track and the rest forward. You look at your watch—ten minutes. Why would have sworn it was twenty. "I'm on to Dixie now," says Randy, "When I see a log coming I take a handful of mane and then when he jumps I pull and that damn pommel doesn't pierce my middle.

Mariana, Caroline and their colored retainers now hove into view but before they reach us, hounds pick up the line on the north side of the track and into the jungle we charge.

In another ten minutes you gratefully became aware of having left the swamp woods for the pine and then you saw hounds well bunched vanishing in a tangle of scrub oak back of a small colony of unpainted cabins.

"Place is full of wire an' pigs," says Mr. Booncap, drawing rein, "ain't no use goin' in—hunt's over I expect." William, however, has left the ladies committed to his protection and vanished after hounds and from the looks of his brother Herbert and the other lad, they aren't sticking around because they want to. Mr. Booncap shifts in his saddle and cocks a leg over the chestnut's thin neck. Bill dismounts and rubs his sit-upon cautiously. "I see him. I see him," screams Randy, pointing to a dip in a sandy lane a hundred yards away."

"You sees what?" drawls Mr. Booncap, without moving a muscle. "The fox," screams Randy, so beside himself with excitement that he charges down the lane hell bent for election.

Mr. Booncap slowly uncoils himself and settles back in his saddle. "Maybe so . . ." he says, when out of the scrub oak towards us come hounds and William travelling fast, and then everyone yells, including Booncap.

Hounds hit the line right on the nose and away we all went again, and maybe you were ashamed of your unethical participation in the recent screeching bee but you didn't look it. Down past the cabins, the hunt flies in a cloud of dust, while dogs bark, pigs and chickens scatter and the women and children come running to cheer us on.

Northward we gallop over open fields and Mariana, on flat-headed black **Lucy**, passes you. She didn't mean to but her hands were hanging onto the pommel and as **Lucy** would stop dead in her tracks at "Whoa" and would stop anyhow if the other horses did, Mariana is very wisely giving her undivided attention to remaining with **Lucy**. Perhaps you thought of Miss Dimples, the dashing Miss Dimples on the mettlesome grey, the darling of the Lushvale Hunt as you watched Mariana bumping by, but one look at Mariana's set white face and your hat (were it not lost in the swamp) would be off to "courage" with a finer flourish than it ever dipped to Miss Dimples.

Forty minutes now and hounds are still hunting hard. William has clean forgotten the ladies and his lathered horse hangs doggedly to the heels of the flying pack. "He's goin' to Tilly Island," says Herbert, as hounds and William vanish into a dense mass of swampy vegetation ahead.

Mr. Booncap pulls up on the swamp's edge, cocks his head this way and that and looking gently at us says, "There's wire an' pigs an' bog spots in there. We kin go in if you so desires." The cry of hounds is ever growing fainter, but fainter still is the margin of endurance left in the blue jeans of the people around you.

Herbert saved the day, "There's a lane to the west will take us to Tilly." We make for it, find it and speed down its wheel worn ruts and at its end we find a cabin, two razor back hogs tethered to a laundry line and William, the cabin owner, his dog, and the hounds flat on their stomachs peering under the outhouse.

"He ain't there," says William rising. Below the cabin on the edge of the marsh, there is a grove of willows and green oaks and from the center of this comes a hound's "treeing" cry. You never heard it before, did you? It squeezes your heart, doesn't it?

The sun is high now, it's hard to look up into that moss covered oak at the base of which now the whole pack "trees". Particularly hard because your hunting instinct is stronger than your killing and the redoubtable William on his foam flecked black horse is looking up into that big tree with an expression that bodes ill for the gray fox who ran as well and honestly as any red in the Lushvale Hunt.

"Call hounds off," says Booncap and William, looking as black as an outraged black man can look, unslings the brown cowhorn and blows mournfully until all six couple join him on the lane.

"Thanks, William," you say, "It was a grand morning." William adjusts his horn, passes the back of his hand across his mouth, spats reflectively, pushes his hat to the back of his head and answers, "I know he in dat tree."

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Foxhunting Notes



**Come Hell Or High Water
The English Carry On Their
Sport In Spite Of Dictators**

W. Newbold Ely, M.F.H.

The following letters from two British combatants give some idea of the indomitable way in which the English carry on their sport come hell or high water. The second letter refers to a pack of staghounds.

On a recent Saturday afternoon, within twenty miles of the most northerly point of Scotland, a hare was being pursued by 7 couple of beagles closely followed by two sergeant-majors of the British Army. One of these was a farmer from Renfrewshire, and the most sporting fellow one could meet, riding a black cob, while the other was the pre-war head-waiter at Grosvenor House, London. He was riding in tandem on a Clydesdale with a local farmhand. Behind the dismounted section were two officers and a sergeant, the latter in regulation battle-dress, who were attempting to follow the two gallant sergeant-majors.

When we unloaded these beagles at a small country station less than a fortnight ago, assisted by the station master, signalman, and porter—one man holding all three posts—little did we think that in Caithness would we find the beagler's paradise. During the last year the same pack were hunted in England, Scotland, and Wales, but never in such perfect country as this. No beagler asks for better—no hills, large open pasture, good scenting, the right number of trees, and really sporting farmers.

STAG HOUNDS

So far hounds have been out four times—two good days and two bad. On the Saturday mentioned they killed their first hare in the north and as they broke her up our friend from the Grosvenor was a little dismayed. It was his first day with hounds, and he had been deciding as he dismounted whether he would prefer this delicacy jugged for dinner, or on soup before his mutton on Sunday, but now he knows, and perhaps after the war hare will never be included in the menu at Grosvenor House.

As hounds trotted home down the country road to their billets in the failing light of a November afternoon, they had a very contented look on their faces. One wonders if it was because they had killed their hare, or because they knew they had enlisted another recruit in the ranks of hunting, or perhaps both?

The first minutes were fast and good, though the point was not great. Altogether it was a good sporting hunt of close on 2 hours. It was good

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Buckram Beagles Hunt As Guests Of Readington

**Morgan Wing, Jr. And John
Baker, Jr. Provide Full Day
Of Sport In Neshanic Country**

BY ELIZABETH HARDWICKE

The Buckram Beagles of Brookville, Long Island, with John Baker, Jr., and Morgan Wing, Jr., joint masters, hunted the country of the Readington Foot Beagles on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12. Hounds met at 11:30 at the farm of Mr. Harry McQuaide. The nine

to see so many farmers out, especially one on a four-year-old seeing hounds for the first time, and finishing with the few who went to the end.

The hunt is, of course, carrying on under reduced conditions, and it is hoped to be able to do until our brutal and ruthless enemy is defeated. As one good member, who was all through the last war, wrote, when sending the honorary treasurer his subscription, that Emperor "Willie" couldn't stop the staghounds during the last war, and he was sure that b—swine Hitler couldn't this time. "That's the spirit," and if all hunting people looked at it in the same way, hunts would not have so much difficulty in carrying on.

James Nelson Gowenloch, Chief Biologist of the Louisiana State Department of Conservation, recently made this statement: "I conclude on the basis of all available information, that the gray fox, our chief Louisiana species, is quite neutral or even beneficial in its food habits, particularly since among the animals that constitute its most important food is the cotton rat, one of the worst Louisiana enemies of the quail.

"The general destruction of this and other rodent pests more than counterbalances, on the whole, damage done by foxes.... Much of the damage to quail nests ascribed to the foxes has been shown by competent observers to be due to the activities of other predators."

The Times Dispatch, one of Richmond's leading papers, makes a positive declaration that fox hunting is one of the important sports in the state of Virginia and should do all in its power to increase the sport there. "There are excellent hunts in Northern Virginia that are crowded and it seems to me the people in Richmond ought to take steps now to build the Deep Run Hunt, which has a name that is well known."

Commenting on the recent purchase by the Deep Run Hunt of 150 acres for a new location, Walter Craigie states, "It would be good sense and good business to acquire not 150 acres, but 10,000 acres; to select such acreage where there is good natural country for fox hunting, where roads are few and in a section which would be favorable to the enterprise. It seems to me that such an undertaking should receive the support, not only of the club members, but also of the broad-minded citizens of Richmond." A man possessed of vision, courage and ability, our scribe goes on to say that he believes a substantial non-resident membership could be built up to aid in carrying the project.

and a half couple, followed by a field of twenty-five, drew south with Mr. Baker carrying the horn. The first two wheat stubble fields were drawn blank, and, finally, at ten to twelve a hare was put up on top of the Neshanic Ridge. She took a large circle to the east and bearing left came back on to the MacQuaide property. Scent being very spotty, due to muddy going and frost coming out of the ground, it was hard picking up and the pace was slow. After completing two large circles, the tired hare, finally, squatted near the main line of the Lehigh Valley Railroad within fifty yards of the highway leading to Neshanic Station. Here the exhausted quarry was put up by the hard working hounds and took to the road directly into the town. With hounds screaming in pursuit, she was, finally, pulled down on the village green after running all of an hour and ten minutes. The field then returned to the meeting place where everyone indulged in sandwiches, etc.

At 2:15 the hounds again moved off, this time into the west country and after drawing for ten minutes, a large strong Jack was put up by John K. Cowperthwaite in a grove on the Saum's property. She first took a line to the south and then eastward through a large cornfield. After crossing the dirt road at Mac-

Quaide's wheat field and entering on Kip's property, she again swung left, making the beginning of a large circle, passed through the Grenther land with hounds working hard, proceeding towards Centreville. When reaching the boundary line of the Schultz Farm, she again swung left through a corn field where hounds temporarily lost. After a large forward cast by Mr. Baker, they again recovered and ran at a good pace to the west. After working slowly through another corn field, they came back on the Saums Farm where the hare had originally been put up. Continuing southward toward the railroad, the hounds had a ten minute check and after the hare was viewed going away, the hounds were laid on, seen to improve and the pace increased. Straight away to the Kowalski Farm, she then bore to the and then down to the bottom of the Goldsmith property where the line was completely lost on the bank of the South Branch of the Raritan River. When hounds could not recover after twenty minutes, it was decided to call it a day after a run of two hours and ten minutes. The large circle which this hare took is estimated to be about six miles, and it is worth note, that at no time during the two hours and ten minutes did the hounds get a view of the hare. The field then repaired to Mr. J. S. Jones' at Pottersville for tea.

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FIVE MILE COURSE

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Point race will be run on C. H. and H. M. Crouch's "Cherry Hill Farm", (the same setting as 1939) near Aldie, Va., north of Route No. 50, and east of Middleburg on Saturday, March 29, at 2 P. M. The course will be twice around a regular stretch of hunting country, an over all distance of about 5 miles. Riders will ride in a counter-clock-wise direction about turning flags, keeping flags to their left.

The weights have been set up so that gentlemen will ride at a bottom of 175 and the minimum for ladies will be 150 pounds. Horses to be eligible, must not have raced under Jockey Club or National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn. Rules during the previous two years.

The Middleburg (Perpetual) Bowl will be awarded to the owner of the winner, as well as a permanent piece of plate. A piece of plate will be awarded to the first lady to finish and one will be awarded the first gentleman to finish weighing in at 200 pounds or over.

A pair race is also carded, with catch weights for a lady and gentleman pair. The same distance will be run.

For complete details and entry blanks apply Mrs. Earl Dawson, Secretary, Middleburg, Virginia.

1941 HUNT MEETING DATES

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Shaw, Jr., M. F. H.; for Virginia: A. S. Craven; for the Middle West: S. Prentiss Porter, M. F. H. The Board of Stewards appointed included: A. C. Bostwick, Charles S. Cheston, William du Pont, Jr., M. F. H. and Earl S. Potter.

The following dates were sanctioned for Hunt Race Meetings in the late spring and fall of 1941. Radnor, Pa., Wednesday, May 7, and Saturday, May 10; Rose Tree, Pa., Wednesday, May 14, and Saturday, May 17; Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kan., Friday, May 30; Foxcatcher Hounds, Fair Hill Md., Saturday, September 6; Whitemarsh, Flourtown, Pa., Saturday, September 20; Meadow Brook, Westbury, N. Y., Saturday, September 27; Huntingdon Valley, Jenkintown, Pa., Saturday, October 4; Rolling Rock, Ligonier, Pa., Wednesday, October 8, and Saturday, October 11; Rose Tree, Pa., Wednesday, October 15, and Saturday, October 18; Monmouth, Red Bank, N. J., Saturday, October 18; Essex Fox Hounds; Fair Hills, N. J., Wednesday, October 22 and Saturday, October 21; Pickering Hunt, Phoenixville, Pa., Saturday, November 1; United Hunts, Belmont Park; Tuesday, November 4; and Saturday, November 8; Middleburg, Saturday, November 8; Montpelier, Montpelier Station, Va., Saturday, November 15.

The Foxcatcher Hounds meeting on September 6 is subject to license from the Maryland Racing Commission, as is the Meadow Brook, Saturday, September 27 and United Hunts November 4 and November 8, subject to approval and license from the N. Y. State Racing Commission.

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Carolina timber races, held at the Sandhills Meeting (Saturday, March 15), and the Carolina Cup Meeting, (Saturday, March 29), have generally filled in the past with horses in winter training in the south. However, a notable exception was Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon's Rokey Stable Sandhills Cup win with **Corn Dodger** in 1938, a horse trained in Virginia and shipped to Southern Pines several days in advance of the race.

With this in mind, there are many possibilities for entries in the Sandhills and Carolina Cups, each carrying purses of \$500, when considering horses now in training in the north. Only about 6 horses are be-

SCHOOLING SHOW

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who was 2nd.

Entries were noted to be in the names of owners, coming from Maine to Texas, from Ohio to South Carolina. Miss Crystelle Waggoner of Texas, had her **Roi de Sal** take 3rd in the thoroughbred hunters. Mrs. George McMurtry of Bar Harbor, Maine, took 3rd with her **Tommy Atkins** in the touch and out, while **Red Magic** scored a 3rd in the middle and heavyweight hunters back of Mrs. Fay Ingalls' **Sauntering**, from Hot Springs, Va., and a 2nd in the half-bred hunters, back of Mrs. Ingalls' **Miss Ebo**, for his owners, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dubose, Jr. of Camden, S. C.

SUMMARIES

Hunters under saddle—1. Ever So, Nancy Haas; 2. Irish Piper, Wilhelmine Kirby; 3. Shapell, Jane Blith. Open to All—3-6. Jumpers—1. Roy, L. H. Brumett; 2. Miss Ebo, Mrs. Fay Ingalls; 3. Glen Dhu, Mrs. Sidney Gilbert. Lightweight Hunters—1. Right Dress, Peggy Wines; 2. Glen Alta, Mrs. Sidney Gilbert. Glen Dhu, Mrs. Sidney Gilbert. Middle and Heavyweight Hunters—1. Troop, J. North Fletcher; 2. Sauntering, Mrs. Fay Ingalls; 3. Red Magic, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dubose, Jr. Touch and Out—1. Glen Dhu, Mrs. Sidney Gilbert; 2. Roy, L. H. Brumett; 3. Tommy Atkins, Mrs. George McMurtry. Thoroughbred Hunters—1. Troop, J. North Fletcher; 2. Sauntering, Mrs. Fay Ingalls; 3. Roi de Sal, Helen Waggoner. Half-bred Hunters—1. Miss Ebo, Mrs. Fay Ingalls; 2. Red Magic, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dubose, Jr.; 3. Glen Dhu, Mrs. Sidney Gilbert. Three and Four-Year-Olds, Under Saddle—1. Ever So, Nancy Haas; 2. Mast High, J. North Fletcher; 3. Brown Flag, J. North Fletcher. Judge: Col. Sloane Doak, Ruxton, Maryland.

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VIRGINIA BREEDERS

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Association and editor of the Maryland Horse; J. A. Estes, editor of the Blood Horse; and Col. John F. Wall, well known authority on thoroughbred bloodlines.

Mr. Finney, who spoke with the knowledge of many years experience in the Maryland Association, outlined the importance of full cooperation of all breeders in the state and laid stress on the necessity for having the organization built on the interests of all breeds of horses. Mr. Estes emphasized the good that such an organization could do if directed to improve the health of horses in the state as well as to further production of good individuals. Col. Wall spoke encouragingly, but advised against starting on too ambitious a scale and signified the importance of employing a capable field representative.

Greatly encouraged by the keenness among those present, Mr. Rust and those serving with him are looking forward to an ever more successful meeting on March 1.

ing headed for timber efforts in the Carolina steeplechasing contingent, yet this number will be augmented with at least three more, to be shipped from winter training in Virginia. These horses include Mrs. Laurens M. Hamilton's **Longitude** and A. A. Baldwin's **Captain Bill** and **Sir Mouse**.

The Chronicle has not been able to contact all trainers of hunt meeting timber horses at this writing. There will be more timber horses to be heard from later in the season, campaigning at the Virginia and Maryland meetings, prior to the Pennsylvania circuit. Of these **Mansfield Park**, winner of the Meadow Brook last fall, is now in work in the hands of Henry Frost, Jr., Middleburg. He is not expected to start before the Deep Run Hunt Cup. Mrs. Turner Wiltshire's **Houseman** is again in the hands of John S. Harrison, trainer-rider, and will presumably get his first start at Deep Run. However, this 5-year-old, winner of three timber races last year, has been hunting regularly through the season and it is not impossible that Mr. Harrison can freshen him up and have him on hand for the two \$500 purses at Sandhills and Camden.

Arthur White has Mrs. Frank M. Gould's **Hold Forth** in work. This

son of **Dan IV** all but defeated **Blockade** at Middleburg's fall meeting, but for jumping an extra fence. He will not run until Virginia meetings. Mr. White also has **Black Sweep**, phenominal hunting-hunter timber winner of the last two seasons in work, but is considering sending him along to brush efforts.

Janon Fisher, Jr., again has **Blockade** in work for his 4th Maryland Hunt Cup winning effort. This **Man o'War** son has won three in a row in this greatest of all timber races. He is now owned by C. E. Tuttle and will presumably, as in other years, get his pipes opened in the My Lady's Manor and the Little Grand National meetings.

J. W. Y. Martin, owner of **Inshore**, advises that this Maryland Hunt Cup winner has been hunting steadily and so convincingly that Frank Bonsal, Jr. feels that he should go back to training and jump with his willingness of old. Mr. Bonsal, Jr. is strongly considering riding **Inshore** in the Maryland himself.

The O'Donovan brothers, with Hugh J. O'Donovan as rider, have **Myrmidon**, winner of the Grand National Point-to-Point and the Streett Memorial last season and **Justa Racket** as strong prospects for this spring's honors. Hugh O'Donovan is an undergraduate at the University of Virginia, and will have to ride himself fit on successive race weekends.

The leading money winner of them all over timber last season is William J. Clothier's **Henchman**. Ned Owen, his regular rider of last season, has been inducted into the service of good old Uncle Sam, consequently the William J. Clothiers are on the lookout for a regular rider. Sidney Watters, Jr., one of the best stylists of the present generation, whether over timber or over brush, has been approached to be **Henchman's** regular rider.

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FAIRFAX HUNT

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fox after his double because there he was cantering along beside us and sinking fast. He was so close that your correspondent gave a false "Whoop-Hoop" and, in his excitement, seriously considered rating the poor animal with whip but restrained himself at the last minute. Two grooms who had seen the fox from their parked trailers on the road, and who were handicapped by no such orthodox restraint, raced after the quarry on foot. As they disappeared into an adjoining woodland, hounds appeared on the horizon. But dusk was creeping over the same horizon so our master called halt. We all agreed that the nearly beaten fox was a stout fellow who should be saved for another day.

Not all of our hunting, as the foregoing might indicate, has involved wind, wire and woods. Several Saturdays were spent mostly in the open. I remember one in particular. Sitting on a hilltop we watched hounds work a flighty line, then speak strongly and go streaming along the base of our hill before disappearing from sight. We have had our share of bad days, I suppose, but in retrospect they seem vague and of small importance. The many good days when sport was keen and the going good mark the season as one always to be remembered by the Fairfax Hunt.

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County Hunt Club near Ellicott City, Maryland. Through the courtesy of Mr. Augustus Riggs III, M. F. H., of Howard County, the Goldens Bridge pack was kennelled at the Howard County Hunt Club, and was hunted alternate days with the Maryland hounds, the combined packs being hunted together the last day.

The horses vanned down from Goldens Bridge were stabled most royally by the members of the Howard County Hunt and arrived at each meet, as full of enthusiasm as their owners for the hospitality shown them.

On the first day of hunting, January 7, the Goldens Bridge Hounds were used and fifty riders gathered at the Howard County Club House and hacked to Mr. Blayden Lowndes' at Glenelg Manor. Weather fine, clear and sunny promised good scenting conditions. After the first fox which ran twenty five minutes was put to earth, hounds found their second fox and went on a blistering run for fifty minutes, over beautiful, large, open fields. After this fox was accounted for, the field returned to the club house for breakfast as guests of Howard County.

January 8, hounds met at Kennels at 11 a. m. and the Howard County Hounds were hunted. They found a fox in Kerger's wood shortly after moving off. He circled through Buzzards Roost, led the field a merry chase for nearly an hour before he was marked to ground.

January 9, the meet was at Mr. Lloyd Owings at two p. m. hunting the Goldens Bridge pack. A fox was found on Mr. Thomas Clark's farm. It doubled back down the Petuxtent, swimming the river near the Philadelphia bridge. It ran over into Montgomery county, crossed back over the river and was killed in mid-stream just above the junction of Cat-Tail Creek. Mr. Riggs honored Mrs. R. Laurence Parish with the mask and Mrs. Bernard Gimbel with the brush. The country hunted over on this run was of a type new and exciting to many of the visitors in that the boundaries were post and rail instead of the familiar stone walls of their home country. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle T. Johnston entertained the field for breakfast at historic Burleigh Manor.

January 10, hounds met at Dougoregan Manor, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Carroll and the Howard county pack was used. Due to bad scenting conditions this was a blank day, the only one during the entire week. Any disappointment felt was greatly mitigated by the welcome that was extended by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Warfield after hunting.

Saturday, January 11, the last day that the members of Goldens Bridge spent in Maryland, the joint packs met at Mr. Frederic Schow's with a field of sixty riders. A fox was found in the former game preserve on Mr. Edwin Warfield's farm. He ran over Mr. Merrill MacNeill's and Justice Pierce Butler's, crossing the road west of the village of Daisy and was killed after an hour and thirty five minutes of very fast going, in the meadow on Mr. Warfield's property. The mask was presented to Miss Frances Warfield and the brush to Mr. Louis Randall. After hunting, Mr. and Mrs. Parish entertained the field at breakfast at The Log Cabin.

The members from Goldens Bridge who enjoyed the hospitality of the Howard County Hunt Club during

this week of splendid hunting were: Mr. R. Laurence Parish, M. F. H. Messrs. Daniel Manning McKeon, Richard Bondy, Philip Bondy, Sylvan Well, Carlo Paterno, Alfred Borden, William H. Bowning 2nd, Joseph Hale; Mesdames R. Laurence Parish, Bernard Gimbel, Daniel McKeon, Laurence Rand, Edward Laske, Anzle B. Mead and Miss June Reardon.

Among the members of Howard County who made this joint meet one that will always be remembered with pleasure in Goldens Bridge, were: Mr. Augustus Riggs 3rd, M. F. H., Messrs. A. Brooke Gallion, Louis

Randall, Waugh Glascock, Phillip Bowen, T. Stockton Matthews, Captain Robert Fitzsimmons, J. Fred Colwill, Janon Fisher Jr., M. L. Dawson Lee, Jr., Samuel Pferkorn, William and Washington Ridgely; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll Jr., Mrs. George Sharpe Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harper Carroll, Mr. Augustus Riggs 4th, Dr. and Mrs. John Wesley Edell, Mrs. James W. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Warfield Jr., Mr. and Mrs. N. I. Worthington, Mr. and Mrs. William Shackleford, the Misses Warfield, the Misses Pferkorn and Mrs. Jerome Kelly.

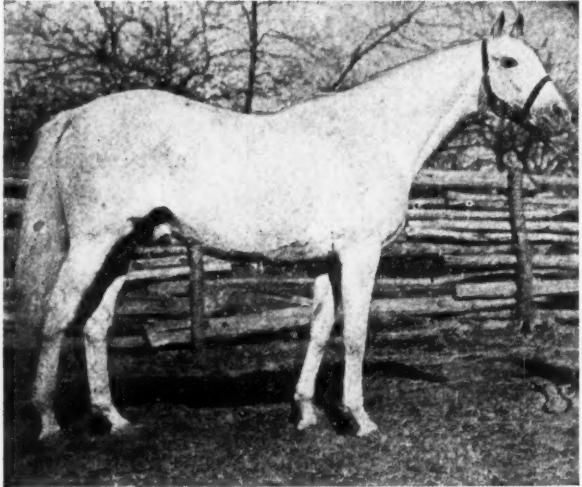
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Connecticut Gathering

Before the successful Round Hill Club Mid-Winter Junior Riding competitions, held in Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. Samuel Meek, chairman of the committee for the event entertained the judge, Mrs. A. B. Court at a luncheon at the Club. Among others present were the Edgar Lockwoods, Dr. and Mrs. John A. McCreery, whose sporting daughters, Joan, Landale and Sheila are real show-ring and foxhunting enthusiasts; Mr. and Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Augustus Klipstein, daughter of the fine rider, Peggy Klipstein and Ted Wahl, successful Round Hill Club Stables manager.

Blackcock—Black Boots

Louis Stoddard, Jr. had the honorary position of riding in the front flight with the Aiken Drag Hounds the other day as honorary-whipper-in, with joint-Masters Mrs. Seymour Knox and Miss Dolly von Stade. Louis, an outstanding owner-trainer of steeplechasers, was arrayed in black Western cowboy boots and was riding his old 'chaser favorite Blackcock, winner of the Glenwood National and the big Virginia National at the Warrenton Virginia Gold Cup meeting.

Van Accident, Hunters Hurt

Mrs. Robert C. Winmill and Mrs. Howard Linn decided suddenly to ship to Southern Pines, N. C., for Moore County hunting there. Mrs. Linn's horses, who have been stabling with Louis Duffey in Middleburg, were quickly sent over to Mrs. Winmill's "Clovelly Farm", near Warrenton, and Friday they left for Southern Pines. Twelve miles north of this winter resort where Jackson Boyd's Moore County Hounds hold forth, the van was crowded off the road and turned over on its side, off a steep shoulder of the right-of-way. It was necessary to knock the top out with axes to get the horses out. Verquin, a French imported hunter, who carried Mrs. Linn to win the Piedmont Ladies' Point-to-Point in 1939, was first released and he broke away, not to be caught until Sunday morning. He was cut on a fore leg above the knee. Mayor Walker, also of Mrs. Linn's was cut about the hind legs and is thought to have broken ribs. Mrs. Winmill's good Keeline is said to have serious cuts about his head and to have lost an eye. Over a hundred stitches were necessary. Rosette, a chestnut daughter of War Whoop, also belonging to Mrs. Winmill, escaped unharmed. Mrs. Winmill's man is said to have had a broken shoulder. Mr. Duffey's man, who went with Mrs. Linn's hunters, Moses Grayson (colored) escaped with a severe shaking.

Canter On To Sandhills Cup

Mrs. W. O. Moss, who with Mr. Moss, operate the Mile-Away Stables, Inc. in Southern Pines, N. C., is "seriously considering" running **Canter On** in the Sandhills Cup featured timber race of the Sandhills, Southern Pines meeting, to be held March 15. John Vass, who is stabling with the Mosses, has **Secret Call**, son of **Milton—Prosperos' Maid**, owned by Mrs. Pietro Crespi, of Charlotte, N. C., in training to run over brush and **Epindel**, by **Almadel—Blanche Epine**, owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dunn, of Syracuse, N. Y., in training to go over either hurdles or brush at the Sandhills meeting. The Mile-Away Stables has a schooling course of 5 brush jumps and another with 5 timber jumps, also a $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile track.

Leiter's Sid To Belmont

Tommy Leiter's **Sid**, a well known hunter of the Warrenton Hunt fields, is to be headed for the Raymond Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase, to be run on Saturday, April 12. It is not confirmed, but it is believed that a possible rider for this good hunter will be Richard "Dicky" Wallach, Jr., well known racing-secretary of the hunt meetings.

New 'Chaser Owner

As a result of the publicity given the Carolina Serial Steeplechases, H. Duane Clark, who had the good-looking young **Beau Soleil**, a **Sun Beau** son, at the horse shows last season, is considering putting a horse in training for these maiden races in the Carolinas. Mr. Clark, of Rochester, N. Y., has Dick Kirby as his hunter stable head, who once was with Mrs. Whitney's Llangollen Stable.

Hampton Judges Accept

George Poehlmann, genial announcer-manager of the southern circuit horse shows, returned to Warrenton from a recent trip with news that the annual Hampton (Va.) Horse Show will be held on May 9 and 10, instead of later in the month, as was formerly given out. Mrs. Ruth Guitar of Warrenton and Otto Furr of Middleburg have accepted invitations to judge the hunters and jumpers. George, who will manage the show as he did last year, also called attention to the date of the Galopade Horse Show, held annually in Rocky Mount, N. C., which will take place this year on April 30 and May 1.

The Rubio Handicap

Maj. H. Alastair St. C. Peyton-Fox, Britisher and steeplechase enthusiast recently wrote in "Caliente", official turf publication of Agua Caliente track, "Caliente people missed a ten-strike by not naming one of your stake events the 'Rubio Handicap'. Few persons seem to recollect that **Rubio**, a California bred-horse, won the Grand National at Aintree. Unwanted, he had been sold from one of the Haggins lots, as a yearling, at English auction for less than \$50. Another year, I am told by your able manager, Caliente will have a Rubio Steeplechase Handicap."

Road to Romance

Out at Caliente, Mexico, Maj. H. Alastair St. C. Peyton-Fox recently wrote in "Caliente" turf publication: "The Road to Romance. Such is the grassy lane traversed by the steeplechaser. From my observation of steepling in 10 countries, I contend the jumping horse provides romance three fold, as compared to the flat runner. . . . About 90 percent of the horses that win steepling contests are geldings. They have no future in producing winners and are often raced to ripe old ages. It is a happy life for the horse, one to which he thrills. The jumper loves his work. A jumper is taught cleverness and "knows" a great deal more than the flat horse. He runs over grass always and that is kind to his feet. A successful jumper may be of any conformation. I have observed long tall horses making their mark by aerial swoops over hedges, and I have seen **Battleship**, your American, whom we Englishmen dubbed **Pocket Battleship**, win the Grand National, and he

scarcely stands 15 hands. He is one of the smallest horses on the Grand National records, and I must add a unique fellow that he is a stallion".

Donald Duck Standing

From the west coast comes word that the young horse **Donald Duck**, Virginia-bred son of ***Teddy-Cinema**, by **Sweep**, is now at stud on the farm of A. L. Jones, near San Ysidro, California. **Donald Duck**, now 7 years of age, retired from racing last year. He first carried his present owner Mr. Jones' colors in 1938, winning at Tanforan. He was bred by William H. Lipscomb, of "Raspberry Plain" and is a brother to the winners **Tedema**, **On Location**, **Great Lover** and **Tinema**.

Sale At Lexington

Thomas B. Cromwell, Kentucky representative of Fasig-Tipton Company, announced in Lexington last Sunday that Monday, April 14, has been claimed as the date for a sale of thoroughbred horses belonging to a Kentucky breeder which will be held at the farm or at Keeneland. In this sale, full particulars of which will be announced later in the month, it is said there will be from 35 to 40 weanlings, yearlings, matrons and sires to be offered.

Ray Woolfe's 'Chasers

In the fine string of 'chasers that Ray Woolfe is handling in Aiken are Alvin A. Untermyer's **Illuminator** and **Pharabang**, former show horses, they have turned in splendid schools, the former staying head and head with ***Kellsboro**, also of Mr. Untermyer's, and one of English racing also American 'chasing experience. These two fairly flew recently. **Telemark**, useful brush horse of Richard V. N. Gambrell's, is to be retired and turned into a hunter.

Diana Drury Breaks Back

Up in the hills of Canada, a skiing accident has sent Diana Drury to the hospital with a broken back. No details are known, other than she "will be in the hospital for another month."

Judges Invited

Bruce Jenkins and Otto Furr have been invited to judge the Stuyvestant School Horse Show to be held on May 2.

Cleveland Bay Purchaser

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mackay Smith have just sold to William F. Cochran, Jr., owner of the late **Or Else**, Warrenton Gold Cup winner and Maryland Cup contender, the four-year-old Anglo Cleveland gelding, **Farnley Bandit**. The colt will be turned over to Mrs. Edgar Scott of

Villa Nova, Pa. to finish his schooling with Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds. Mr. Cochran plans to hunt **Farnley Bandit** with the Green Spring and the Elkridge Harford. The colt was a ribbon winner at Berryville last summer and has an exceptionally fine front.

Virginia Breeders Attend

David N. Rust, Jr., Colin MacLeod, Jr., and all others responsible for the gathering of Virginia horse breeders at the Red Fox Tavern last Saturday, were extremely encouraged by the large attendance and enthusiastic response to this attempt to organize an association for the interests of horse breeding in the state. Mayor Courtland Smith, who acted as chairman for the meeting, reported that over \$2,200 was guaranteed in subscriptions from this group present.

Speakers And Audience

Though the meeting of Virginia horse breeders at the Red Fox Tavern was made up almost entirely of those whose interests center around the thoroughbred, it was unanimously decided to include all types of horses in the organization now being formed and it was for this reason that a committee was appointed to draw up the by-laws and select a group of directors from all sections of the state. Among those at the meeting, presided over by David Rust, Jr., at whose Rockridge Farm stand ***Gino**, **Time Maker** and **Charley O**, were William H. Lipscomb (he was nominated for president, but declined to serve, pleading lack of time); Humphrey S. Finney, who spoke encouragingly and generously from his store of experience in the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association; J. A. Estes, of the Blood Horse and Col. John F. Wall, both of whom also spoke. There to hear the speakers and help with the forming of the organization were Dr. Robert L. Humphrey, H. Rozier Dulany, Jr., Alec Mackay Smith, A. A. Baldwin, Col. John Butler, Lt. Col. Pleas B. Rogers, commanding officer at the Front Royal Remount Depot, George Sloane, William Worth, of the Eastern Breeder, A. M. Chichester, who owns **Whizzaway**, T. Beatty Brown, Times-Herald scribe—Rhoda Christmas and her brother, Dick; Hon. Westmoreland Davis, Dr. Edmund Horgan, M. F. H., Walter W. Craigie, who was instrumental in starting it all, with his article in the Richmond Times Dispatch; F. A. O'Keefe, Jr., who has **Blue Pete** and **Mokatam** at his Pine Brook Farm; the Melville Church-ees, Charles V. B. Cushman, Continued on Page Twenty

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"Thy spirit, Independence, Let me share,
Lord of the Lion-heart and Eagle-eye,
Thy steps I follow with my bosom bare,
Nor heed the storm that howls along the sky."

—Tobias Smollett.

These lines well might be virile America's answer to the gallant Mother Country as she battles for her life and the independence of her dominions. Standing, as she does, between us and the greatest plague that ever cursed the earth, an all-out for England is the very least we can do and we should be thankful that we may shelter in her strength while we set our own house in order and make ready for even greater aid to her. Of course defeatists and isolationists would have us think that the war is no affair of ours, they mumble about entangling alliances and a lot of other irrelevant stuff, while the very foundations of civilization are being shaken and the swastika flaps, like the wings of a giant vulture, above the heads of conquered millions. These obstructionists will be swept aside and America will match her stride with battling England, "Nor heed the storm that howls along the sky".

From Mrs. James B. Skinner, chairman of the Middleburg Red Cross Surgical Dressings Unit, comes the following: "I wish (through the kindness of The Chronicle) to tell my Red Cross surgical dressings workers that we have moved our workroom from the Health Center to the Director's room of the Middleburg National Bank for the reason that the room downstairs at the Center was needed at once. I beg all my workers to please come and help with this large new quota we have to make by June 1st for the United States of America," signed, Margot Lelong Skinner, Chairman, Middleburg Red Cross Surgical Dressings Unit.

Our Mercer District should be pardoned if she indulges in a bit of preening at the Seal Sale figures recently released by Mr. J. A. Speer, county chairman. The fact is that Mercer was first under the wire with \$452.06, showing a clean pair of heels to Mt. Gilead, who placed with \$411.42. The county total was \$1,905.57, which amount, according to the chairman, is sixty-one dollars under Loudoun's quota. Now, of course, it couldn't be that you forgot about sending a small check to your local chairman when the package of seals reached you just before Christmas? We really didn't think so, but will you tell your neighbor about this?

With the first half of the Business Women's Bowling League already tenpin history, the second half begins with the four teams in this sequence; Burke Brothers' Tin Lizzies are heading the van with a 6 won and 3 lost rating, while Red Fox and

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owner of Double Scotch; Newell J. Ward, Jr., Mr. Carla Phipps, Winifred Maddux, Mrs. George Greenhalgh, Elizabeth Turner, Roger Lambdon, James B. Skinner, the Philip Connors, William Seipp, Norman Haymaker, Daniel Cox, Hobson McGeehee and many others who filled both upstairs rooms and overflowed into the hallways of the old tavern.

Visiting Va. Breeders

Others traveling to Middleburg for the Virginia Horse Breeders' meeting last Saturday were: L. R. Colbert, of Fredericksburg, who bought the sire Ned Reigh from the Kilmer dispersal last fall; Samuel Mason and Arthur J. Sackett, of Richmond; Richard S. Reynolds, of Gordonsville, the R. W. Mitchells, of Newport News; S. H. Rogers, of Philmont; Judge William A. Metzger of Leesburg; Hayward Thompson, of Round Hill.

Tryon Reporters

The W. W. Trimpis of Far Hills, N. J., and Essex Hunt, are down in Tryon, N. C., at Carter Brown's Pine Crest Inn, according to Seth Vining's "World's Smallest Daily Newspaper." Mrs. Trimpis is in the right countryside, in that she is a granddaughter of the late Sidney Lanier, famous southern poet, who spent much of his life there and died there. The Edward H. Bennetts of Lake Forest Ill., whose Long Lane Stables have many a good conformation hunter, have yet to put in an appearance, as they have in former years, when they forsake the Mill Creek Hunt country and hunt with Tryon Hounds during the winter months. The Irving Days of Greenwich, Conn., up in the Fairfield and Westchester country, however, are in Tryon, in the Maurice B. "Lefty" Flynn's "Little Orchard", while the latter are in Florida.—John R. Kimberly, M. F. H. of Tryon Hunt, arrived for the remainder of the season the first week in February.

Professional Horsemen Meet

The Professional Horsemen's Association of America, numbering over 200 members, recently convened at the Lincoln Hotel in New York City. Ted Wahl is the recently elected new president and Arthur Buchanan is vice president. Hubert Moseley is treasurer and David Wright, of M. J. Knoud's, is secretary. The Association is to start a new branch in Monmouth County, N. J., with a meeting to be held at the Molly Pitcher Hotel there on March 3rd. The Association has an unemployment fund, also a \$100 death benefit. Mr. Wright, in a recent visit to Middleburg, thought the suggestion of taking Associated Memberships in the name of horses an excellent plan. The Association's address is 716 Madison Ave., N. Y. C.

Harrison In Middleburg

John S. Harrison, well known trainer-rider, has shifted his activities to Middleburg, Va., from his

Bradfield's Pill Chasers are tied for second honors with a 5-4 showing and Middleburg Pharmacy struggles in 2-7 time. These games have attracted much attention in town and the bowling alley is packed on the nights that les femmes do their toppling.

Talk about monkey business, we give Ted Yates the belt for this yarn that he avows to be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Ted has a pet monkey and the monkey usually has the run of the house and is a most intelligent and knowing creature. Recently some window curtains were put to soak on the back porch and left for some time. It was a mild day and the monkey thought the curtains should be on the line, so set to work. When found, he had the curtains out on the floor and had emptied a box of soap flakes on the lot and was busily working up a lather that Ted says, "Nearly covered the back yard." He protested volubly when a member of the household took over and scolded him back into the house.

Pennsylvania home. Mr. Harrison is now busy preparing Mrs. Turner Wilshire's Houseman, good timber three-time winner of last season who has carried his owner afield on numerous occasions this season with Middleburg and Piedmont Hounds. Mrs. Frank M. Gould's Fred Astah is also in Mr. Harrison's hands, stabled at the Charles Sabin's place near the Hitt training track.

University Kennel Show

John W. Boyer of the University Kennel Club, Charlottesville, Va., has announced a meeting of the directors for Friday, February 21, at the Farmington Country Club, at which time plans for the annual show to be held April 22 will be made. Directors include: Judith Shearer, Algernon S. Craven, ex-M. F. H., Marlon du Pont Scott, M. F. H., Gerald B. Webb, Jr., E. H. Copenhagen, Randolph H. Perry, W. H. H. Perry, Rodger R. Rinehart, M. F. H., Mrs. Robert V. Funsten, Truman M. Dodson, IV., Dr. Stephen H. Watts, Dr. J. M. Herr, Mrs. James N. Andrews, Jr., Duncan Curry, Dr. Fletcher D. Woodward, Julia Shearer, Harry A. George, Jr., Fredson T. Bowers, and Jack Carpenter. American Foxhound classes will be carded as usual in the show, also pack classes from Recognized Hunts.

Essex's Bad Go

They've had a bad go of weather in the Essex Hunt country (N. J.) as well. Emily Stevens, regular of Essex Hunt, writes: "We have been hunting off and on here, about one day a week, but the going has been terrible."

Mission Valley's Meeting

W. L. Huggins, Jr., secretary of the Mission Valley Hunt, (Mo.) advises that the 12th annual race meeting will be held on April 12, in conjunction with the horse show and farmers picnic on the same date at Somerset Place, Johnson County, Kan. There will be timber racing, both for professional and amateur riders, flat races, hunter trials, jumping, family classes, and children's races. There were 5,000 spectators attending last April.

June Brainerd's Hunting

June Brainerd has been hunting in the Delaware-Maryland area. She writes on February 11: "Due to ground and the severe cold, Vicmead Hounds have not been out for three weeks." Miss Brainerd got in a day with Mr. Drummond's Hounds, across the Pennsylvania line, near Wilmington. She further advises: "Kemo Furr, the Fovcatcher huntsman, has had the flu, but had hounds out walking."

Filly For Britain

One of the highlights of the coming Indoor Horse Show of the 110th Field Artillery at Pikesville, Md., will be the drawing for a thoroughbred filly, which Maryland breeder M. Nelson Bond has donated to the aid of Britain. The filly, shares in whom may be had at twenty-five cents apiece, is a daughter of Crack Brigade—Cherry Laurel, by Tall Timber, and half-sister to the winner Son Cherry and others. The Pikesville Show, with entire proceeds going to the benefit of the British War Relief, is slated for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 14, 15 and 16, and the drawing for the filly will take place on March 15.

Jockey McGovern

Following various newspaper stories to the effect that Jockey J. McGovern, contract rider for F. Ambrose Clark's big outfit, was in Mexico, to ride in the Agua Caliente steeplechasing, there comes word from the good rider himself. The facts have been greatly exaggerated. "I was asked to go there, but it was too much of a gamble if I didn't do any good," stated Jockey McGovern, who has not been on the West Coast this winter and has been busy in daily gallops and schools over the beautiful Springdale Course in Camden under the watchful eye of Grainger Gaither, Mr. Clark's trainer.

Amphibian Ambulances

Word comes from Peggy Taylor, chairman of the Car Emblem Division of the British American Ambulance Corps, that already 205 ambulances have been sent to England, 25 to Greece and some to Africa and that now the Ambulance Corps is hard at work raising funds for amphibian ambulance planes for use by the R.

A. F. Car emblems may be purchased at the British American Ambulance Corps headquarters at 420 Lexington Ave. for \$1.00 each.

Montana Hall Manager

Daniel T. Cox, formerly of Long Island, whose great grandfather owned Messenger and Eclipse, is keen about horses and breeding and has just taken over the management of Montana Hall where Pilate and Belfonds are standing. At the last International Livestock Show in Chicago, Dan Cox went out on the University of Maryland judging team and was awarded second prize out of 159 contestants for judging draft horses.

Waugh Glascock

Waugh Glascock, ex-M. F. H. of Piedmont Hounds (Va.) is now going regularly with Howard County Hounds, (Md.) and living in Ellicott City, Md., where he is connected with Breckinridge and Hanna, real estate firm. This firm recently consummated a deal involving Burleigh Manor, a 606 acre property, originally built by Colonel Rezin Hammond, famed Revolutionary character. Adjoining Doughoregan Manor, home of the Carroll family, Burleigh Manor, built in 1760, was purchased by Prince and Princess Alexander Hohenlohe, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Jr., from Charles McAlpin Pyle.

Bostwick's Sensational

George H. "Pete" Bostwick, the country's leading owner-trainer of steeplechasers last year, with his notable successes with the "horse of the year" *Cottesmore, had two chasers turn in a sensational school last week in Aiken. West Hadden and Budos went head and head over the Ridge course in mid-season form. King John and Mrs. Bostwick's Arms of War likewise showed exceptional form for this early a date.

Ray Wolfe on Aiken

Raymond G. Wolfe, well known gentleman trainer of chasers, was recently elected to committee membership of the Aiken Mile Track Assn. He journeys from Aiken, S. C., to Camden, S. C., twice or thrice a week to superintend the training of Wilbur B. Ruthrauff's Okole Hao and Clovisse, so will have much to do with spreading the gospel on the Aiken meeting among "chasing" trainees in Camden.

Aiken Trio at Camden

A trio of horse show hunter owners, Mrs. Seymour Knox, Dolly von Stade, joint-masters of Aiken Drag Hounds and Mrs. Jean McKinney, will ship to Camden, S. C., for the Virginians' Show there on Saturday, March 1. Mrs. McKinney will show Bally Black; Miss von Stade Crazy Creek and Mrs. Knox a very smooth conformation sort in a compact chestnut gelding.

New 'Chasing' Owner

Jimmy B. Johnson Jr., is a new 'chasing' owner with Glorious Pat, in training with Raymond G. Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe has the 4-year-old mare in work in his Aiken, S. C. string. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, the former Frances Dodge of hackney pony fame, are wintering in Aiken. Mr. Johnson recently flew to Florida, where he has some flat horses racing at Hialeah and intends to bring one of these back, also to be put to 'chasing.'

Chatter Not Training

Mrs. Ellsworth Augustus' National Horse Show champion, Chatter Chat, was to have gone into training for timber efforts this winter. Word has it now that Chatter is not in training and is either at Mrs. Augustus' Virginia farm or back at her home farm in Willoughby, Ohio. James Radney has her string of flat horses in Columbia, S. C.

Liked Pasteurized Ad.

J. Barney Balding, who has John Hay Whitney's string of chasers in training, wintering in Aiken, S. C., was extremely complimentary recently on the Pasteurized advertisements appearing in The Chronicle. Said Mr. Balding of Charles F. Henry's display advertisement on the Milkman son: "More thoroughbred sires should be advertised in this manner. Such an advertisement is complete and makes interesting reading." In observing George H. Bostwick perusing horse publications, searching for a mating for a mare he has yet to hook, it was interesting to note the consideration he gave to horses which were advertised with conformation pictures.

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